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TORRES OPTIMISTIC ON FY 2017 BUDGET:

'Resources could exceed $203M budget'

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres expects government resources to exceed the $203 million gross budgetary resources projected in his budget submission last month.

Torres

After adjustments, some $127.8 million is available for appropriations by the Legislature.

Torres on Thursday said he was "optimistic" and is seeking clarification from the Department of Finance and its Division of Tax and Revenue.

"But I believe our projections as of last month exceeded what was projected for the" budget.

"So [if] this trend continues most definitely we would be exceeding the $203

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Mt. Carmel's Deleon Guerrero wins AG's Speech Cup

» Mt. Carmel rules AG's Speech Cup with 17 titles out of 32 competitions since 1984

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Mount Carmel High School's Lance Vincent Q. Deleon Guerrero gets a hug from his coach Galvin Deleon Guerrero, right, and father House vice speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) after being declared the champion of the 32nd Attorney General's Cup Speech Competition at the CNMI Supreme Court on Friday. Also in the photo is Attorney General Edward Manibusan.

Lance Vincent Q. Deleon Guerrero brought back the coveted title to the Mount Carmel High School campus after emerging as the best in the prestigious annual 32nd Attorney General's Cup Speech Competition last Friday.

Deleon Guerrero, a senior at Mount Carmel, got the judges' nod as champion among seven contestants in the speech competition held at the packed CNMI Supreme Court.

Mikhail T. Alcantara, a senior at Saipan Southern High School, grabbed second place, while Marianas High School junior, Ann Margaret Norcio, received third place honors. Rebekan Hyeyoon Kim of Northern Marianas Academy got hon-

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Maisu arrives on Saipan; nears destination

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Alingano Maisu captain Sesario Sewralur, second left, joins his crew after arriving at Smiling Cove Marina last Saturday. They will leave Saipan on May 17 to arrive just in time for the May 22 opening of the 12th Festival of the Pacific Arts in Guam.

Captain Sesario Sewralur, on board the *Alingano Maisu*, guided his nine-member crew in crossing the vast Pacific Ocean—traveling more than 1,000 miles—to safely arrive on Saipan last Saturday.

Sewralur and his crew spent close to three months in the ocean, including several stops in six islands scattered around Yap state of the Federated States of Micronesia. They are just 218 kilometers away from Guam—their final destination.

Seven-year-old Dylan—Sewralur's son—is the youngest crewmember. The rest includes Rodney Kazuma and Murais Sebangol of Palau, Satawal's Miano Sowraenpiy and Albno Esoailug, Norman Tawelimai of Ifalik, American Aylie Baker, and Japanese Kazuyo Hayashi and Osamu Kasuge.

They made the close to two-month voyage to attend the 12th Festival of the Pacific Arts at the Paseo de Susana Park in Hagatna, Guam that opens on May 22, Sunday. Their trip started in Koror,

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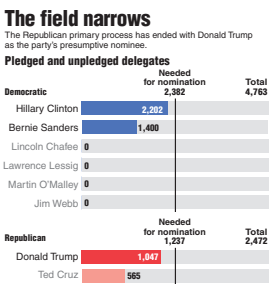

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Faulty wiring triggers fire in As Terlaje

Faulty electrical wiring reportedly triggered a fire at a semi-concrete house in As Terlaje on Friday morning.

No one was reported injured during the blaze, according to Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde.

Gersonde said the fire badly damaged the interior of the single-dwelling, semi-concrete house occupied by a family.

DFEMS received a call from the Department of Public Safety dispatch about a structure fire on Friday at 8:46am.

Firefighters from Susupe, Kagman, and Koblerville fire stations responded to the location and placed the blaze under control at 9:24am.

Gersonde said Arson Investigation Unit investigators determined that the origin of the fire was by the electric meter box.

The fire spread to the ceiling, then to the kitchen and living room. The fire on the ceiling also engulfed two bedrooms. The bathroom had smoke and heat damage.

Gersonde said DFEMS closed the case after determining that the cause was electrical.

Last Wednesday, cooking with a gas stove started a fire at a one-story, semi-concrete house occupied by a family in San Vicente.

From Jan. 20 to April 20, 2016, *Saipan Tribune* recorded at least six fire incidents on Saipan, including a bush fire.

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Firefighters spray water into a semi-concrete house in As Terlaje engulfed in blaze and emitted thick smoke on Friday morning. No one was injured in the fire reported caused by faulty electrical wiring.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CCA board meeting on May 17

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's Board of Directors will be holding its regular Board of Directors meeting on May 17, 3pm at the CCA Conference Room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

Survivors and caregivers support meeting on May 12

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 5:30pm at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room.

To RSVP or for more information, please call The Commonwealth Cancer Association, Inc. at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarianas.org. ***(PR)***

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Japan's "Kingdom of Wonderland"

"Kingdom of Wonderful," a popular Japanese show airing nationwide to 5.4-million households, is scheduled to air a 35-minute program about the Northern Mariana Islands on May 22 and 29, 2016.

"Kingdom of Wonderland" introduces people who work in animal care, but it also has a corner to introduce the travels and activities of its hosts. The NMI program highlights show host Wataru Yokoo earning his PADI dive certification in Saipan. The host is also a member of the popular boy band Kis-My-Ft2.

The show focuses on diving locations and marine life in Saipan and introduces other activities and tourist spots such as Mt. Tapochau and Managaha. It also highlights Hyatt Regency Saipan, where the film crew lodged during filming.

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Man arrested for possession of ATM skimming devices indicted

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A federal grand jury has indicted Xiaolin Yang, a man who was arrested by Federal Bureau of Investigation special agents for allegedly concealing in his luggage ATM skimming devices.

The indictment charged Yang in federal court with one count of conspiracy to traffic or possess device-making equipment.

The indictment said the ATM skimming device includes a device fastened over the top of the factory installed card reader on an ATM machine, which together with a small hidden camera, is used to illegally capture account information contained on the magnetic stripe on the back of an ATM or debit card as well as a customer's inputted personal identification number (PIN).

The captured account information is later transferred onto a counterfeit or fictitious ATM or debit card, and the captured PIN is used to make unauthorized withdrawals from the legitimate customer's account.

The indictment, which was filed Thursday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI, also contains notice of forfeiture.

If Yang is convicted, the notice said, the U.S. government will seek forfeiture of the property used or intended to be used by the defendant to commit the offense.

The property, which was seized from Yang, include two card readers, four pinhole cameras and attached hardware, one iPhone 6, one Lenovo laptop computer, one Toshiba external hard drive, four 3.7 volt battery packs, $1,000 cash, and 1,209 Chinese RMB.

According to the indictment, beginning on April 21, 2016 and continuing through April 28, 2016, Yang intentionally conspired and agreed with persons to possess device-making equipment—two ATM skimming devices and four pinhole cameras.

Yang allegedly engaged in conduct in furtherance of the conspiracy in transporting such device-making equipment from the People's Republic of China to the island of Saipan on April 28, 2016.

FBI special agents arrested Yang last April 29 shortly after U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy issued an arrest warrant upon the U.S. government's filing of a complaint charging him with illegal possession of device-making equipment.

According to FBI special agent Haejun Park's affidavit, Yang arrived on Saipan onboard Asiana Airlines Flight No. 625 from Hong Kong via Incheon Korea last April 28.

Park said during immigration processing by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Yang acted suspiciously so he was required to undergo additional screening.

Park said during this additional screening, ATM skimming devices were found inside Yang's luggage.

Park leads the FBI's investigation into the skimming devices that were discovered earlier last April on two ATM machines at First Hawaiian Bank in Oleai.

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18th Taste of the Marianas and Beer Garden opens

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The annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival and Beer Garden was launched for the 18th straight year last Saturday.

Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Chris Concepcion led the opening ceremonies of the four-Saturday event on behalf of the MVA together with guests Saipan Mayor David Apatang and members of the 19th Legislature.

"As the MVA looks back on 40 years this year, we see that the Taste of the Marianas has become the most popular signature events for both residents and visitors alike. As our offices in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Russia, and the Philippines promote this event, it only continues to grow every year," Concepcion said.

"It offers tourists the opportunity to gain insights into our heritage with local dance and song performances as well as show the diversity of the Commonwealth community," he added.

Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) presented MVA House Resolution 19-40 "to recognize the significance of the 40th anniversary of the Marianas Visitors Authority and reaffirming the commitment of the 19th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature's support in their endeavor to promote the Northern Mariana Islands as a premier tourist destination."

The resolution recognized MVA's roles and achievements noting that "today, 40 years later, our visitors authority continues to fulfill its mission to 'promote and develop the Northern Mariana Islands as a premier destination of choice for visitors from throughout the world while providing a maximum quality of life for our people,' and furthermore, to 'nurture and encourage cultural interchange and environmental sensitivity for visitors enjoyment and for our children's children.'"

This year visitors can visit the 18 booths available on site at the American Memorial Park with food concessionaires such as Coral Ocean Point Resort, D' Elegance, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Furusato Restaurant, Herman's Modern Bakery, Hula Girl, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Kanoa Resort, Marianas Resort & Spa, Matty's BBQ, Sierra's Pearl Shakes, Thai House Restaurant, Tony Roma's/Cappriciosa, and Tropical Chill.

The Taste will also have the traditional weekly contests such as the hotdog-eating contest, pie-eating contest, bartending competition, and the chef's competition.

According to MVA community projects manager Martin Duenas, 5,000 or more visitors comes and goes in the venue per day and there are more tourists coming in.

"I think the launching is good, its very well received. I think they looked forward to coming here every year so they're here," Duenas said.

Another highlight of this year's festival is the showcasing of the 250 CNMI ambassadors to the upcoming Festival of the Pacific in Guam.

"Mostly we're focusing on the FestPac participants. We're giving them the opportunity to perform here," Duenas said.

Various groups displayed their talents and the performances they have been practicing for in months. For the first night, the spotlights were on the Northern and Southern Carolinian Women's Dance, Talabwog Men's Stick Dance, Chamorro/Southern Warriors Contemporary Show, as well as performances from Maggie Naputi, Marvin Deleon Guerrero, and Jay Babauta.

"They're not only raising funds to be able to represent us in Guam, it's also part of MVA's mandate is to promote cultural performances," Duenas said.

The Taste of the Marianas will continue on May 14, 21, and 28 opening at 6pm and ending at 10pm, except on the last Saturday when it will be until 11pm.

FRAULEINE VILLANUEVA-DIZON
Some of the 250 delegates of the CNMI to the Festival of the Pacific Arts will be showcasing their talents and performances at the 18th Annual Taste of the Marianas, which will run all Saturdays of the month of May.

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budget," he said, adding that he "definitely" thinks they might see a higher budget projection come supplemental figures this July.

Of the $203 million budget resources some $74.8 million were identified from project business gross tax revenue and another $41.8 million from income taxes, and $35.5 from excises taxes, among other taxes and revenue sources.

Torres noted that the Saipan casino, Best Sunshine International, Ltd. was paying an average of $3 million to $4 million in taxes per month, and is trying to get the "exact number on their taxes" over the last year.

Torres said if numbers do exceed the proposed budget, he would identify those funds and have the legislature be allowed to appropriate them.

"As a governor, I actually spoke to the attorney general regarding that matter. So if there is excess, the governor doesn't just arbitrarily take it and use it for whatever I decide. Those funds should be appropriated by the legislature. But until I identify that as over the budget—I need to identify it first before that budget is distributed," he said.

In budget submission to the Legislature, Torres, among others, laid out a plan to increase salaries of law enforcement and first responders in three separate phases starting from salaries less than $25,000, to salaries in excess of $25,000, and for those not included in the prior phases.

Torres' proposal provides funding for the first two phases, and budgets "a cumulative total in excess of $3.5 million for the salary adjustments of these law enforcement," including new positions to support anticipated increase in tourism activities.

MAISU

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Palau and they made stops in Ngulu Atoll, Woleai, Ifaluk, Elato, Lamotrek, and Satawal for supplies.

The *Alingano Maisu*, or simply *Maisu*, is a Polynesian double-hulled voyaging canoe donated by several voyaging organizations in Hawaii to Sewralur's father, the legendary traditional sailor Pius Mau Piailug, as a thank you gift for teaching them the traditional method of seafaring.

Sewralur learned the skill from his dad, who in turn was taught by his grandfather. He said the traditional way of navigating the oceans was passed down from generation to generation and is the same method used by the Carolinians who sailed from the Caroline Islands to Saipan.

"He (Piailug) spent all his life sailing and training me and others. He was the first person to teach modern Hawaiians how to navigate using the traditional method," said Sewralur in between sips of an ice-cold beverage minutes after they docked at the Smiling Cover Marina Saturday.

"There was no ice box on board and we could not carry a mini refrigerator since we are reserving the power to charge our communication devices and the lights that we use at night. We only drink coconut water and warm water. This is my first cold drink in months."

"Our canoe only carried three months' worth of food and water supplies. We use a solar panel for our lights, communication systems, and to charge our cameras. Whatever we cook, we eat everything to avoid spoilage."

Sewralur added traditional navigation of the seas involves a lot of skills since you will rely on the position of the stars at night and the sun in the morning, while also considering overcast or clear skies, wind direction, and the movement of the waves, swells, and currents.

"The way you look at it, it is hard. It takes a lot of skill and years of training. Of course, it all depends on the interest of the person. If you put your mind and heart into it, you will learn quickly. Some people took them years to master it," said Sewralur, who was 8 years old when he learned the skill from his father.

He said that they encountered rough and sometimes calm seas, and even faced two storms during their voyage. "It was not a really strong storm but we still have to put our sails down."

Sewralur and company will have to depart Saipan on May 17 to arrive before the May 22 start of FestPac.

MT. CARMEL

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orable mention.

The other participants were Yu Jin Lee of Grace Christian Academy, Harim Kim of Marianas Baptist Academy, and Aliah M. Santos of Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr./Sr. High School.

This year's topic was timely. The participants were asked the following: Should the CNMI permit individuals to carry handguns on their person in public? Why or why not?

Citing the attack by an intruder on Li-Rong Radich on Tinian, Deleon Guerrero's position was in support of a person's right to carry a concealed handgun on their person in public.

"Because Li-Rong Radich is more than just a victim of violence. She is someone's daughter. She is someone's wife. One day, she may be someone's mother," Deleon Guerrero said in his speech.

Deleon Guerrero said he knows that if someone ever attacked his mother, or his future wife, or his future daughter, he will do anything to keep them safe.

"Likewise, no matter where you stand in the debate about guns, there's no debating that we must do everything we can to keep our families, to keep our friends, and to keep our community safe," said Deleon Guerrero in concluding his speech.

In an interview, Deleon Guerrero said he did not expect to win because his plan was just to deliver a message.

Deleon Guerrero's message in his speech is whether people are pro-gun or anti-gun, either way they want to keep their family safe.

"I honestly wish that there was no gun at all and I did state that," he said as he thanked his coach Galvin Deleon Guerrero, his family, and friends at school for supporting him.

After the awarding, Deleon Guerrero had to rush to the airport because he is a member of Mount Carmel's team that will represent the Commonwealth in the national high school mock trial tilt in Boise, Idaho from May 12 to 14.

He is also a member of the Theater Club. He plans to become either a counselor or a lawyer.

Deleon Guerrero's parents are House vice speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) and Mercedes Q. Deleon Guerrero.

Joseph Deleon Guerrero said his son's victory came as a surprise to him.

The lawmaker said his son has been preparing the mock trial and the AG's Cup at the same time.

"I thought it's too much of a burden on him. I really didn't expect him to perform well. I am very surprised that he was able to not only make it but win," said Joseph Deleon Guerrero, who gave credit to the school's coaching team.

Mt. Carmel coach Galvin Deleon Guerrero said he has been coaching this AG's Cup for a very long time and that this year is the best batches that he has ever seen.

"So I am honored to win with such great, wonderful speeches, and fantastic speakers. I am very humbled," Galvin Deleon Guerrero said.

Last year, Lee Ann Jastillana of Marianas High School was declared champion, snapping Mt. Carmel High School's incredible 12th straight victories since 2002.

Deleon Guerrero's victory was the 17th title for Mount Carmel in the annual competition that began in 1984.

This year's panel of judges were Attorney General Edward E. Manibusan, Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, deputy AG Lillian A. Tenorio, Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas, assistant attorney general Charles Brasington, AAG James M. Zarones, former AG Robert T. Torres, former AG Rexford C. Kosack, former AG Matthew T. Gregory, and former AG Gil Birnbrich.

House JGO backs changes to library ED qualifications

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House of Representative lawmakers have backed a bill to change qualification requirements for the top position at the local library.

In a standing committee report last month, the House judiciary and governmental operations committee recommends that the full house pass House Bill 19-134 in its current form.

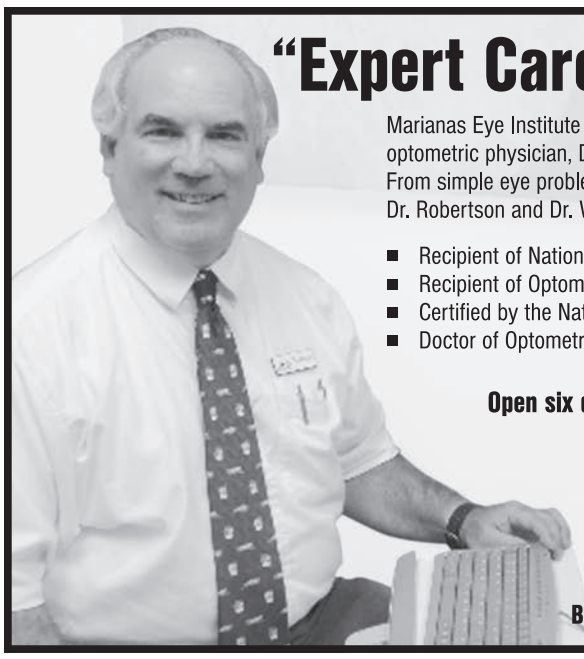
Among others, the bill crosses out "administrative librarian" from Commonwealth code and replaces that with "executive director."

For this executive director's required education or experience, the House bill keeps a requirement to have the director hold a master's degree or equivalent in library science, but adds, "or 15 years of professional library leadership experience."

In their report findings, the committee acknowledged the standing requirements for a masters degree.

"However, your committee finds that currently there is a shortage in the CNMI of skilled and educated professionals who hold a Masters degree in Library Science or equivalent degree from a professionally accredited institution of higher learning and at the same time have had minimum of five years of experience as a professional librarian," the lawmakers said.

The bill is authored by Rep. George N. Camacho (R-Saipan).



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Ex-Customs officer arrested for allegedly stalking ex-girlfriend

Police arrested on Thursday night in Kagman former Customs officer Dennis Masga Reyes for allegedly stalking his former girlfriend who is now married.

Reyes, 47, was taken to Superior Court on Friday for bail hearing on charges of stalking in the second degree, disturbing the peace, and criminal trespass.

Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio imposed a $5,000 cash bail and set the preliminary hearing for May 12 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit was appointed as counsel for Reyes. Assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda appeared for the government.

Police Detective Myron O. Laniyo stated in his report that a police officer responded to a residence in Capital Hill last April 27 after the victim and her husband sought police assistance against Reyes.

Laniyo said investigation showed that the victim's relationship with Reyes ended in January 2014 and that she asked him to leave her alone.

The victim then met her husband in February 2014. When the couple was still living on Gualo Rai, Reyes would allegedly drive in to their backyard in his vehicle, back out and leave.

Reyes would then call her that he wants to see her and that he still loves her. When she would look outside the house, she would see defendant's vehicle leaving the backyard.

In February 2014, in one occasion in Gualo Rai at 2:30am, Reyes called her and told her that he could hear her moaning when she and her husband had sex.

Reyes would even told her the exact time they had sex.

She got scared and felt that Reyes was watching her every move. She begged him to leave her alone, but he insisted to see each other.

Shortly after, Reyes stopped bothering her. She then learned that he moved to the U.S. mainland and got married.

In April 2016, the victim said her mother told her that Reyes was back on the island.

Last May 3, a police officer responded to the victim's house upon the couple's complaint.

The husband told police that he was inside his house when he heard their dogs barking outside. When he went out, he saw the same Toyota pickup truck that usually parks outside their house, now parked in his driveway.

He confronted Reyes, who stated that his truck was overheating. Reyes then started the car and left. He then called the police.

Last Wednesday, the victim told police that the second incident caused her to have anxiety attacks, that she is nervous and afraid every time she sees a white Toyota pickup truck.

She told police she is afraid and fears for her children when they walk to and from the bus stop. She said she would not have her children play outside of their house for fear of what Reyes would do. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Members of the 2016 Marianas March Against Cancer join the staff of Island Apparel after making their donation to be one of the title sponsors for this year's event.

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Saipan Computer Services will be providing the 2016 Marianas March Against Cancer $3,000 worth of services.

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Ambyth Shipping is a major sponsor of the 2016 Marianas March Against Cancer after donating $1,000 cash.

MMAC gets 3 more sponsors

The 2016 Marianas March Against Cancer got three more sponsors in time for the upcoming event starting on Friday at the Hopwood Junior High School grounds in Chalan Piao.

Island Apparel and Saipan Computer Services are title sponsors donating $3,000 worth of services, while Ambyth Shipping is a major sponsor after giving $1,000 in cash.

Geralyn C. Dela Cruz, this year's overall committee chair, congratulated and thanked the three businesses for being the latest sponsors and getting on board in the fight against cancer.

"Their support in the fight against cancer is commendable. With the MMAC [set this weekend], the 2016 MMAC committee invites the entire community to join us as we raise badly needed funds for the battle against cancer," said Dela Cruz.

She added that it would also be a night of fun with entertainment and raffle prizes to be given away. "There will be live entertainment, great food, and fun and games for the whole family to enjoy."

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Torres meets with CUC engineers on water priorities

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Before getting a reverse osmosis, or RO, system to provide desalinized drinking water to island residents, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres wants to focus what "we've been paying for" due to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s water leaks problem

CUC has reported water losses at around 70 percent. They reportedly lose half of every gallon of water they pump out.

Torres met with CUC water division engineers on Wednesday to talk "priorities."

Torres said he echoed his concerns for that leak percentage, "unaccounted for" accounts, tampering with accounts, and another critical point, billings, that may have been overcharged or undercharged.

"So they will be coming in and I will be appropriating and reprogramming funds to work with hiring new teams, more teams to go out in the community and monitor leaks," he said.

Second, Torres wants to have meters that work.

So they can charge "every resident appropriately and accordingly" and third, make sure those accounts are up to date within the billing department.

"I do not want any billing or any entity to overcharge. All I ask is that they charge every consumer appropriately," Torres said.

Torres emphasized he is in support of an RO system but not until "we address our current issue whether it's leak, unaccounted for accounts, or the billing department itself."

"Until we have a solid approach, the RO system will come after," he said.

Ex-convict's car yields 'ice', 2 rifles, 3 shotgun shells

An-ex convict who allegedly twice struck with a car a man riding on a bicycle in Chalan Kanoa was found in possession of two rifles, three shotgun shells, and methamphetamine or "ice" on Wednesday night.

Roland Kaipat, 34, was arrested and taken to Superior Court Friday on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, illegal possession of a controlled substance, and disturbing the peace.

Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio imposed a $10,000 cash bail and set the preliminary hearing for May 12 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit was appointed as counsel for Kaipat. Assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda appeared for the government.

Police Detective Daniel Maliuyaf stated in his report that investigation showed that Carlos Ramangmou was at a house in Chalan Kanoa with some friends on Wednesday night when he saw Kaipat and a female driving by on a black Toyota Corolla.

Ramangmou got on his bicycle and followed the car to talk to the female because she never came home since she left their house.

The report did not mention what is the relationship between Ramangmou and the female.

Ramangmou approached the car and asked Kaipat to stop the vehicle so he can talk to the female regarding their problem.

Kaipat, however, allegedly accelerated the car forward, hitting Ramangmou on the right leg and causing him to fall to the ground.

Kaipat allegedly struck Ramangmou again with the car, prompting him to stand up.

Ramangmou later told police that Kaipat's car had a handgun and drugs.

At 9:16pm Wednesday, two police officers spotted the car driven by Kaipat pulling out of Sister Market in San Antonio.

The officers requested for additional police units to assist them.

The officers followed the car until it stopped at the former Sally's Apartment in San Antonio.

The officers arrested Kaipat and searched the car, where they allegedly found one clear glass pipe inside a small bag with possible "ice" residue. The officers also recovered two rifles and three shotgun shells.

A Drug Enforcement Task Force officer tested the residue, which allegedly came out to be presumptive positive for methamphetamine. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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BIG donates to 2016 Tinian San Jose Fiesta

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Arley Long and the Bridge Investment Group staff pose with Father Rey Rosal and the parish council for a picture after receiving the donation.

SAN JOSE, Tinian—The Bridge Investment Group team kicked off their fiesta weekend by collecting trash at the surrounding areas of the fiesta grounds. The company additionally sponsored and donated for various scheduled fiesta events.

Specifically, BIG assisted with the logistics for the annual American Red Cross walk-a-thon, which coincided with the fiesta weekend, donated four bicycle racks to the Biker's Association of Tinian, or BAT, in time for their fourth Tour De Tinian race, and placed two trash trailers at the fiesta grounds for garbage disposal.

BIG also offered a $5,000 fishing derby grand prize for the team that catches a 500-lb billfish or bigger. Unfortunately, the biggest billfish caught was a little over 150 lbs. In addition, a trash trailer and tables were set up at the church grounds for Sunday's brunch after the procession.

The company decided to do a bit more this year and donated $7,000 to the San Jose Church for needed church renovations.

"The funds will be used to renovate the sanctuary (altar) and the sacristy because they are termite-infested, replace broken glass doors and windows, replace hinges and door locks, repair the termite infested storage rooms, confessional box, restrooms and ceilings. We also hope to do some painting. The San Jose Parish Pastoral, finance council, and parishioners are very happy to receive the donation from Bridge Investment," said Father Rey Rosal.

The annual celebration of the Tinian San Jose Fiesta commemorates and honors St. Joseph the worker. It is the influence of our dear patron that we live up to the essence of hard work and dedication. This is one of the events that the people of Tinian and visiting guests look forward to every single year. ***(PR)***

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

As of April 30, 2016

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE DCRM OFFICE:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Nansay Micronesia, Inc.	3/17/2016 SS/PI/CH/W-2016-X-028	Sight Tour	Saipan	Shoreline, Wetland Coastal Hazard, Ports & Industrial	Approved,4/26/2016
2. Calvary International Mission	3/29/2016 SS/CH-2016-X-031	Construction of Sports Facility & Additional Classrooms	Lower Gualo Rai	Shoreline/Coastal Hazards	Under Review*
3. Commonwealth Utilities Corp.	4/7/2016 SW/PI-2016-X-033	Sewer Lift Station & Force Main Improvement Project	Garapan & Puerto Rico	Ports & Industrial/Wetland & Mangrove	Approved,4/15/2016
4. Maxime Even	4/13/2016 SS/LR-2016-X-034	Geophysical Survey of the Saipan Lagoon	Chalan Kanoa/Sugar Dock	Shoreline/Lagoon & Reef	Approved,4/15/2016
5. Micronesia Resort dba Palms Resort	4/12/2016 SMS-85-X-25	Construction of Infinity Pool	San Roque	Amendment 2016-1	Approved,4/15/2016
6. Micronesia Resort dba Palms Resort	4/15/2016 SMS-85-X-25	Beach Beautification Project	San Roque	Amendment 2016-2	Approved,4/15/2016
7. DCCA, Arts Council	4/13/2016 SS/CH-2016-X-035	Flame Tree Arts Festival	Susupe	Shoreline & Coastal Hazard	Approved,4/15/2016
8. Saipan Surfrider, LLC	4/26/2016 SMS-98-X-70	Additional Lot No. 008 H 29	Chalan Kanoa	Amendment 2016-1	Approved,4/26/2015
9. CUC & AIC	4/20/2016 SWCHm-2016-X-036	Waterline Repairs	Dandan, Obyan, San Vicente & Koblerville	Wetland, Coastal Hazard	Approved,4/27/2016
10. Lee, Chil Lye/Baik Hong Sik	4/14/2016 SSCH-2016-X-037	Installation of Catch Basin	Chalan Laolao, Saipan	Shoreline & Coastal Hazard	Approved,4/28/2016
11. Phoenix Services, Inc.	4/20/206 SCHPI-2061-X-038	Landing Dock Repairs w/4' Extension Deck	Lower Base, Saipan	Ports & Industrial & Coastal	Approved,4/28/2016
12. Commonwealth Utilities Corp.	4/20/2016 SPI-96-X-44	Warehouse Renovation & Generator Canopy Replacement	Lower Base, Saipan	Amendment 2016-1	Approved,4/27/2016
13. Saipan Globe International, Ltd.	4/20/2016 SSWCH-2016-X-039	Soil Investigation	San Roque, Saipan	Shoreline, Wetland, & Coastal	Approved,5/3/2016
14. Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC	4/15/2016 SMS-2015-X-029	Additional 119 Rooms	Garapan, Saipan	Amendment 2016-1	Under Review

§15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulation requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

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Latte Training offers $11K in scholarships

Latte Training Academy, Inc., a 501c3 non-profit focused on the development of the regional workforce, has opened its competition for $11,000 in college scholarships. In order to qualify, applicants must have attended and completed the Hotel and Hospitality Certification courses offered through the CNMI Public School System.

"We are truly committed to the development of the regional workforce. The young men and women who have completed our Hotel and Hospitality Certification program through our partnership with the CNMI Public School System represent the promise that our workforce holds. To encourage these dedicated young men and women to further their career development, the Latte Training Academy, launched its Founders Scholarship Program. This program was developed in honor of our founding members, Arielle Buyum, Jeremy Sasamoto and Julian Aguon and is comprised of $11,000 in college scholarships," said newly elected board president Juan-Carlos Benitez.

The scholarships are geared toward those students who wish to continue their education in the area of hotel and hospitality, with various elements of focus. The Arielle Buyum Women in Business Scholarship is comprised of $2,000, which is available to young women who will pursue a business degree that they intend on utilizing in the hotel and hospitality industry. The Julian Aguon Humanitarian Scholarship offers $2,000 and is open to those LTA graduates who have performed at least 100 hours of community service, while the Jeremy Sasamoto Scholarship Fund offers, $2,000 with a requirement that applicants complete at least 50 hours of community service. The remaining $5,000 in scholarships fall under The Marianas Hospitality Scholarship Fund. All LTA graduates from 2016 and 2015 and 2016 PSS cohorts are encouraged to apply.

"The Latte Training Academy, as a non-profit, is focused on putting as much of our resources towards fulfilling our mission. Not only are we excited about the scholarship program in the area of hotel and hospitality, but we are truly excited about the variety of programs we have launched in the area of Allied Health Care. As we continue to grow, the board is considering expanding our scholarship funding to promote all the areas of career and development that we offer," said LTA secretary Tina Palacios.

The scholarship application deadline is June 15, 2016. to learn more about the program and access the scholarship application, visit www.lattetrainingacademy.com. ***(PR)***

Air Force to conduct training at W-517, FDM

ASAN, Guam—The Air Force will conduct training at Warning Area 517 during the following dates and times:

- May 9 from 2:30pm to 5:30pm
- May 10 from 12:30 to 3:30pm

Training will also be conducted at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- May 9 from 2:30pm to 5:30pm
- May 10 from 12:30pm to 3:30pm
- May 12-13 from noon to 3pm

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. All vessels are advised to remain clear of W-517 south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use. W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides frequent access that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055/3209. ***(PR)***

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The worst-case GOP scenario

Donald Trump is now what he has claimed to be for some time: the presumptive Republican nominee for president. His attainment of that status this week is a triumph for him and a tragedy for both his party and the country.

Trump's lopsided victory in Tuesday's Indiana primary, the latest in a string of double-digit wins, prompted Sen. Ted Cruz to suspend his campaign even before the final ballots were counted. On Wednesday Ohio Gov. John Kasich, the last, best hope of Republicans appalled by the bombastic businessman's ascent, announced that he too would leave the race. Kasich's departure deprives voters in the remaining Republican primaries of a meaningful choice.

Trump's imminent capture of the Republican nomination is a monumental and mind-boggling political achievement. Over the last several months, to the surprise and embarrassment of pundits and political professionals alike, this political novice has eliminated one prominent and better qualified opponent after another. The casualty list includes current and former governors—most notably Jeb Bush, the well-funded scion of a political dynasty—and two senators who were considered rising Republican stars: Texas' Cruz and Florida's Marco Rubio.

Clearly Trump has connected with many voters, channeling anxieties about cultural change, a long-stagnant economy, globalization and a series of failed military interventions. Yet Republicans have ample reason to fear the consequences of a Trump nomination, not only for the presidential election but for contests further down the ballot.

After the 2012 election, an "autopsy" commissioned by the chairman of the Republican National Committee concluded that the party's future success would depend on reaching out to women and minorities. "Young voters are increasingly rolling their eyes at what the party represents and many minorities wrongly think that Republicans do not like them," the report of the party's Growth and Opportunity Project observed. "When someone rolls their eyes at us, they are not likely to open their ears to us."

Expect plenty of eye-rolling and deaf ears once the party nominates a man who demeans women, describes Mexican immigrants as rapists and proposes a ban (albeit a temporary one) on any foreign Muslim entering the United States.

The peril Trump poses for Republican electoral prospects doesn't alter the fact that the country as a whole would also be endangered by his selection as the Republican standard-bearer. Yes, some polls suggest that Trump would fare disastrously in the general election. The problem is that, armed with a major-party nomination, even an unqualified underdog might squeak into the Oval Office in the event of a national catastrophe or a crisis in the opposing campaign.

In the coming weeks and months, we can expect Trump and his advisers to attempt a series of makeovers to smooth out the rough edges of his persona. Indeed, the cosmetic surgery has already begun with the uncharacteristically restrained (but still muddled and self-contradictory) foreign-policy speech Trump delivered in Washington last month.

It's important that voters not be fooled by the revisionist

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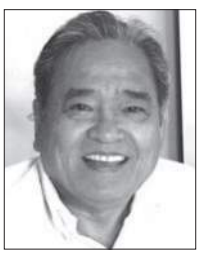

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Indigene Language Heritage Month was celebrated April and was dismally observed at the fest in my school, sparsely attended by both parents and teachers. Of course, we also have the Cultural Heritage Month in September but for now, we stay with what one nitwit coined: the Chamolinian Language Heritage month!

I hang out with a former police officer and farmer who espouses the CNMI's independence from the United States. I call his sandwiched place by the Sandy Beach Homes and a Russian retreat place at the CK lagoon beach, the Lino Olopai Park. He is a celebrated personality and I mention his name rarely less we be thought of living off his reputation more so now that I see his Benson photo on a May Memorial Day celebration poster at our school.

Chamorro in Guam (a place "to have," Guahan) evolves and its formalization from its Austronesian roots recent, more so now that the language is taught as an academic discipline, which makes the Carolinian of Satawal serve a more ancient but naturally spoken tongue among Saipan indigene, though it was equally subjected to the influence of the areas colonizers—Spain, Germany, Japan, the United States, and now, Korea, China and the Philippines.

This, however, does not explain the paucity of our presence at the Olopai Park of late. It is actually a practical matter. When I started teaching first grade, I discovered nine in my class of 23 carrying the flu; on my second day, five of them were actually sick of various forms of infections, universally downed by coughing. I have since worn a towel for a scarf to cover my mouth when I sneeze so as not to spread the virus broadly as well as attempt body immunity.

April 4-8 hosted the invasion of viruses of D-Day proportion, which I welcomed for a while to hasten the immunity. With the help of Ms. Inday and Mr. Nay Quil, I kept the coughing to a minimum, even entailing the services of Drs. Rubitussins and various collaborators along with numerous fancy and expensive antibiotics and analgesics, and the ubiquitous vapor rub a handy ointment for below the nostril, as sticking it inside is no longer advised. I am still wearing a towel around my neck in the classroom a month later even as two of the students stayed home last week downed by flu.

It did not help that my homeroom is equipped with two air-conditioners spewing cold air; eureka struck halfway to my term when I discovered that the window louvres were not permanently latched but could be opened with a push of the finger. By then, 18 of my 23 were coughing. I let the fresh air in.

We spared Lino at his park from being a target of various viruses and so we don't go to our favored fresh lagoon air these days. But on the 4th of May, I rid myself of the scarf towel, and with the fresh air into the classroom, I aimed to rid myself of the various viruses and foray bravely into challenging world of first graders, to teach them to learn how to learn. Didn't work, the virus and the pedagogical prowess of learning how to learn.

I ran into a retired colleague who taught upper grades at SVES with me; he commented that at the time, to pry the truth from anyone was like pulling teeth on a dentist chair. He consented to sub-teach second graders at my school, and boy, did he get the reverse earful from his students. My first graders and his second graders, unlike their fifth and sixth grade brothers and sisters who would not "squeal" as a matter of honor, endlessly and delightfully volunteered "to tell on fellow students" immediately after a semblance of misbehavior.

"Telltale-ing" is a frequent quality of discourse in my class. Students do not waste time squealing on their classmates' misdemeanors. "So-and-so" picking on "so-and-so" is not an infrequent refrain, regardless of whether the one telltale-ing is an involved party.

The letters we get for our articles are usually of the benign kind, though a recent one castigated us for using the Chinese name of the Yalu River bordering into the Koreas rather than its Korean name. Fair enough but the Yalu is the better-known name in the world press that readers would recognize. Nonetheless, I apologized.

In another piece, I made the mistake of lumping Chamorro with the Carolinian, though not using the dreaded created term "Chamolinian" for the generic "indigene." It got me into hot water. I echoed the much-repeated Internet stereotype that ethnical-

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Marijuana: Next diabetes drug?

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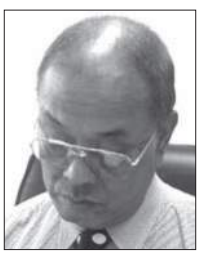
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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I happened upon this article from Ms. Maia Szalavitz, a Neuroscience Journalist for *Time Magazine*, that tickles the mind about a possible future drug for diabetes: MJ.

"Toking up may help marijuana users to stay slim and lower their risk of developing diabetes, according to the latest study, which suggests that cannabis compounds may help in controlling blood sugar.

"Although marijuana has a well-deserved reputation for increasing appetite via what stoners call "the munchies," the new research, which was published in the American Journal of Medicine, is not the first to find that the drug has a two-faced relationship to weight.

"Three prior studies have shown that marijuana users are less likely to be obese, have a lower risk for diabetes and have lower body-mass-index measurements. And these trends occurred despite the fact that they seemed to take in more calories.

Why? "The most important finding is that current users of marijuana appeared to have better carbohydrate metabolism than nonusers," says Murray Mittleman, an associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and the lead author of the study. "Their fasting insulin levels were lower, and they appeared to be less resistant to the insulin produced by their body to maintain a normal blood-sugar level."

While marijuana may initially promote appetite and overeating, in the long run it has the opposite effect because it desensitizes cannabinoid receptors and may even protect against obesity.

Mittleman says the study relied on self-reported use of marijuana, which can be unreliable. However, he points out that since people are more likely to hide drug use than they are to falsely claim it, the findings could even underestimate marijuana's effects.

"But whether that's true, and whether marijuana might be a window into understanding how to best control glucose and insulin to prevent diabetes, isn't known yet. "We need much more research to better understand the biologic responses to marijuana use. We really need more research to allow physicians and patients to make decisions based on solid evidence."

"Even with 18 states now approving marijuana for medical uses, the politics of pot will always overshadow research efforts to understand how cannabinoids work in the brain—or affect disease. But, as Piomelli says, "the [new] study suggests that smoking marijuana [may] protect people against obesity and diabetes." And following up on that finding could yield new insights into how to tackle one of our biggest public-health issues."

Let's not celebrate as yet. Nothing's conclusive. I'm a hardcore anti-drug advocate as it relates to methamphetamine and other potent drugs that destroy life. But on this issue, it's good to see what studies eventually conclude about MJ and diabetes.

Diabetes: I've dealt with situational issues with Type II diabetes and what patients had to endure from Day 1. If neglected, it turns into complications beyond our wildest imaginings. It includes the dreaded limb amputation, kidney failure, and dialysis.

Perhaps by quirk of fate, I ran into an MD at Straub Medical Clinic whose specialty is diabetes. He recommended how to use sugar dealing with my blood sugar level. He explained that through the night our blood sugar slowly comes down. By the time we wake up it's too low.

He suggested that I put a tablespoon of sugar in my first cup of coffee in the morning. Reason? Sugar is the only thing that the brain could accept, nothing else. You reboot it via a tablespoon of sugar. It gives you an hour to look for some healthy breakfast. I've used it for over 20 years in addition to spreading healthy meals six times a day over three full meals. You give your tummy the space to use insulin to grind your food.

I've also been eating cinnamon daily spread over bread with honey and two soft-boiled eggs. Cinnamon kills diabetes. I've seen its effects in my nightly use of the restroom to pee. It went from four-five times a night to once early in the morning. I'm eating soft-boiled eggs not only because it is healthy. It stays in my tummy longer than regular food. So you get to eat less preventing obesity from setting in.

I've switched to natural sea salt found in abundance on Rota over manufactured salt. It's healthier too in terms of nutrients.

My eyesight hardly changed over the last two decades. The doctor was surprised at my healthy set of natural binoculars. He asked what have I been eating, I said, "Beer and sashimi!"

It's actually the result of controlling how much you eat so you don't turn into a humpty dumpty contracting hypertension along the way. High blood pressure also affects the nerves behind your eyes! When it pops (like stroke in your brain) you begin losing your eyesight.

A lot of what we do pertains to what's known as lifestyle. It deals with what and how much we eat and drink, and whether we exercise at least thrice a week. I've used what's known as the "Four Seconds Break" where you take a deep breath counting four seconds at the same time. It gives the front side of your brain time to think before you allow the other side yelling, "eat!'

A sedentary lifestyle riddled with high consumption of fast sugar is a perfect ticket to contracting type two diabetes. Move about and cut down as much fast sugar as possible. Steer clear of white rice and noodles! Try whole wheat bread, potatoes, sweet potatoes, taro, tapioca, banana, and yam. Cut down animal fat as much as possible. You only need a little of it. Initially, it's hard personal discipline but when you get past the third day hurdle it makes for a healthier you!

Sexual predators: There's a jaw-dropping increase in sexual predators abusing young boys and girls Marianas-wide. It's a troubling social disease that requires critical scrutiny. At issue is the psychological violation and scar that victims have to endure for life. It's an unusually bad tiding and perhaps predators need as much psychiatric treatment as their victims!

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ly, Carolinians were darker than Chamorros, and the responder took exception to that as he traced his ethnicity to both groups denying the skin coloration, though I suspect, the bloodline is sprinkled with some European strain as well.

The responder seemed more interested to harass rather than to dialogue so I dropped efforts for a sane discourse. Mentioning Lino did not sit with the writer as well. But with the Memorial Day poster now prominently by my desk at school, I shan't hesitate to invoke the Refaluwasch on my watch! They do sound more ancient. Olomwaay!

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project, and instead focus on Trump as he is and as he may be again if he wins the Oval Office in November: a superficial, poorly informed, vindictive and egotistical man who seems incapable of stifling the impulse to lash out at critics, political opponents and anyone else who bruises his vanity. Those traits may not be liabilities in a business career or on a reality television show, but they could be fatal in a commander-in-chief and the representative of the U.S. on the world stage. That Trump is nevertheless on the verge of being acclaimed as the Republican nominee is deeply depressing.

Trump's nomination may be a foregone conclusion, but prominent Republicans who recognize the threat he poses to their party aren't obliged to fall into line. They can strike profiles in courage by saying publicly what they believe in their hearts: "Never Trump."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Does Deadpool have schizophrenia?

The other day I was speaking to a group of students at one of the high schools, when one of them began asking questions about depression. "How do people get depression? What are the signs and symptoms of depression?" I began to inform them that people are depressed for various reasons, one of which could be the result of bullying, or they may have feelings of low self worth. It all depends on the individual, their experiences, and their coping methods.

This discussion led to questions about mania, and bi-polar disorder, then into Schizophrenia (a condition in which someone may see or hear things that are not there). Finally one student asked, "Is that what Deadpool has?" While being a fictional comic book character, I explained that Deadpool has what is considered multiple personality disorder, a real, yet rare disorder. I was intrigued by these questions asked by the students, and impressed mainstream media led them there. I would like to take this opportunity to let our community know more about issues surrounding mental health.

May is recognized by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) as Mental Health Awareness Month. Their mission in 2016 is to have people take the Stigma Free Pledge. Stigma is a problem that plagues our country and our islands. It involves us feeling shame or as a mark of disgrace when being labeled by an illness that puts us into a stereotype. As a result of stigma, many do not seek help for their mental health needs in the same way we may seek help for a physical health need. By taking the NAMI Stigma Free Pledge, we are tasked with three responsibilities:

1.) Learn about Mental Health Issues;

2.) See the Person and not the illness, and;

3.) Take action on Mental Health issues.

Let the learning begin. Here are some facts about mental health as provided by NAMI:

1.) 1 in every 5 adults in America experience a mental illness.

2.) Nearly 1 in 25 (10 million) adults in America live with a mental illness.

3.) One-half of all cases of chronic mental illness begin by the age of 14.

4.) Approximately 10.2 million adults have co-occurring mental health and addiction disorders.

I challenge our community to visit the NAMI website (www.nami.org) and take the Stigma Free Pledge. I am not asking you to just join a movement, but to help make a real difference in our community in the way we look at mental health and those who receive its services.

To learn more about mental health issues, please contact the Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) program through the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc (NMPASI) at 235-7273/4 or visit us online at www.nmpasi.org

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NMPASI projects specialist

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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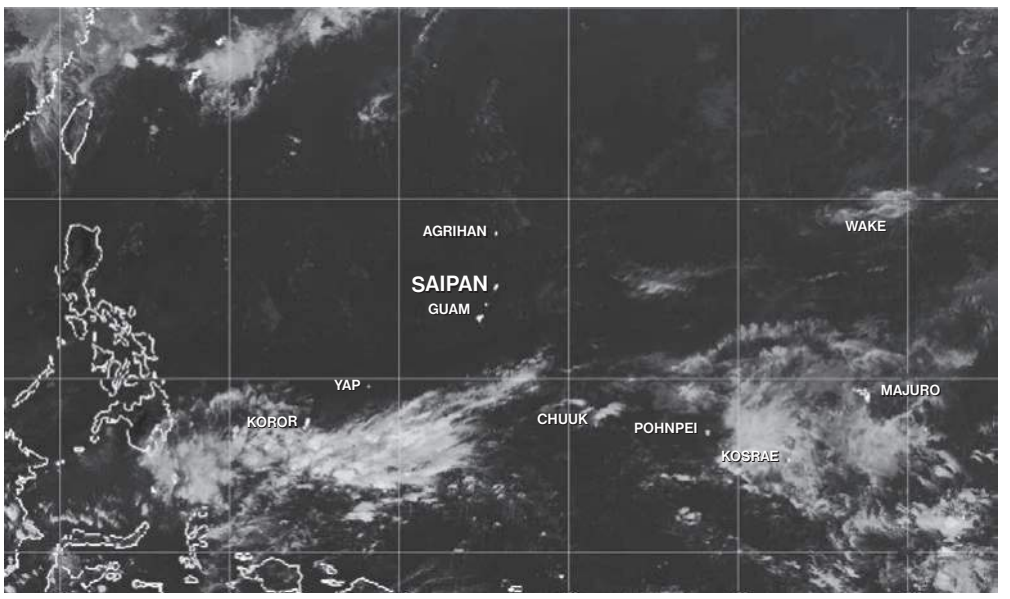
Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00 PM, SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

High pressure dominates north of 20N over Micronesia with fresh trades stretching southward through the Marianas to around 10N. A dissipating shear line is positioned north of Wake Island from 20N161E eastward to beyond the dateline near 21N with only patches of scattered showers remaining to the south of the shear line and affecting some of the Marshalls north of 10N. An area of much needed scattered showers exists within 110 miles of a line from 10N165E to 16N180E. This area is being triggered by convergence along a weak westerly moving trade wind trough and aided by upper-level divergence in the southern portion of an upper-level trough farther west and just south of the Marianas. An upper-level jet is producing a long line of cirrus but only weakly embedded showers underneath. A couple of areas of scattered showers with some sparsely embedded thunderstorms exist within the loosely defined inter-tropical convergence zone south of 10N. These include a patch just southwest of Koror from 3N to 7N between 130E and 134E. Another area is affecting the marine zone in and around Yap from 7N to 10N between 135E and 148E. A weaker area continues farther east within 60 miles of 10N from 148E to 161E. Finally another patch lies south of Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae from 2N to 5N between 154E and 163E east of the Marshalls. A new area of scattered showers and isolated Thunderstorms is crossing the dateline from 4N to 10N between 175E to 177W. It appears that these showers may provide some needed rain to these islands later today and tomorrow.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲90	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼81
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼81

Around the Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼61
Beijing	Sunny	▲83	▼59
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼76
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼71
London	Showers	▲73	▼57
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼55
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲99	▼79
Melbourne	Rain	▲62	▼52
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼74
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲72	▼51
Osaka	Rain	▲73	▼64
Paris	Cloudy	▲72	▼60
Pusan	Rain	▲65	▼54
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲75	▼59
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲72	▼46
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼51
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲75	▼53
Tokyo	Showers	▲69	▼63
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲66	▼57

NMI CRIME STOPPERS
Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:
- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:32 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet
9:38 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
4:50 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.5 Feet
11:42 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:50 AM	6:37 PM
Tuesday	5:50 AM	6:37 PM
Wednesday	5:50 AM	6:37 PM
Thursday	5:49 AM	6:38 PM
Friday	5:49 AM	6:38 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	8:00 AM	9:11 PM
Tuesday	8:58 AM	10:08 PM
Wednesday	9:56 AM	11:02 PM
Thursday	10:52 AM	11:52 PM
Friday	11:45 AM	

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 2, 2016

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

OZ1077	4:40am	7:10am	Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

OZ1157	4:00am	6:40am	1, 4

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
UA2922/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA2922/193	8:40am	10:35pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA2921/191	1:30pm	8:55am+1	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR
UA2920/191	2:20pm	8:55am+1	2, 6 via GUM
UA2928/191	6:05pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2926/191	9:50pm	8:55am+1	1, 2, 5, 6 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2922/159	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
OZ1078	9:25pm	1:45am+1	Daily

OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN

OZ1167	9:55pm	2:20am+1	3, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA190/2929	9:55am	9:20pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
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UA192/2927	9:45pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
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UA184/2920	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA184/2927	11:30pm	5:35pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA184/2929	11:30pm	9:20pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2921	9:55pm	1:00pm+1	3, 6 via GUM
UA116/2920	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	1, 5 via GUM-Rota
UA116/2927	9:55pm	5:35pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA116/2929	9:55pm	9:20pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
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Civil Service chair to serve as temporary hearing officer

Civil Service Commission will be resuming work on resolving grievances and appeals that are still pending. The hearing officer position has been vacant leaving all pending cases on hold. While the commission waits for budget approval this fiscal year to fund a hearing officer position, the chairman of the Civil Service Commission, Herman R. Deleon Guerrero, volunteered his time to serve as a temporary hearing officer. The counsels for the aggrieved employees have been notified of his appointment by the commission.

"I feel it is not right to put on hold employees' grievance cases. They must be attended to as soon as possible," stated the chairman. "I'll do my best to see that government employees don't have to wait any longer to have their grievances and appeals heard. We'll move the process on."

Deleon Guerrero has been the chairman of the Civil Service Commission since its reorganization in December 2013. He served in the NMI Senate from 1978 until his retirement as the Senate minority leader in 1991, and also served as chairman of the Saipan Legislative Delegation during his last two years in the Senate. Prior to his time in the Senate, he served as executive director of the Local Anti-Poverty Federal Program, president of Micronesian Legal Services and, also, president of the Micronesian Community Action Directors Organization during the period from 1968 to 1974. In 1974 he was elected to the Congress of Micronesia, which was merged in 1976 with the Marianas District Legislature.

In both organizations, the members were named Senators by Executive Order of President Ford in preparation for the transition into the new political status with the United States as a Commonwealth in 1978. Deleon Guerrero also served as a member of the 902 Consultations for the CNMI from 1986 to 1991.

"Civil service employees have a right to have their grievances and appeals heard. We're working with the governor to get approval and funding for a permanent commission executive assistant who will also be the hearing officer. Until we accomplish that, I'll fill the gap, working with our legal counsel," said Deleon Guerrero.

The government's civil service regulations provide procedures to allow Civil Service employees to submit a grievance on matters of concern or dissatisfaction with employer/employee relations and appeals to disciplinary adverse actions. Such actions, if not resolved at lower administrative levels may be heard by the Civil Service Commission for final decision and resolution. The hearing officer is the opportunity for resolution prior to a Commission hearing.

"Since its reorganization in December 2012," Deleon Guerrero stated, "the Civil Service Commission has been active in representing the Commonwealth's Civil Service employees. With the support of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) in its efforts to resolve a backlog of personnel grievances and appeals, and its attempts to revise the current outdated compensation plan and restart the within-grade increase program, the commission has been seeking to improve the employment conditions for the Civil Service employees of the government."

The current members of the Civil Service Commission are Deleon Guerrero; Felicitas "Tee" P. Abraham, vice chairman; and Charles M. Calvo, Arsene M. Borja, Catalina L. Tebit and Valerie Q. Apatang, commissioners. ***(PR)***

Cruz resolved to raise Guam minimum wage

HAGÅTÑA, Guam—Undeterred in his pursuit to improve the lives of thousands of minimum wage workers in Guam, Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz introduced Bill No. 312-33 (COR) recently, continuing his previous effort to incrementally raise Guam's minimum hourly wage to $10.10 by January 2018.

"No one who works a full-time job should have to live in poverty—which is why I fought to raise the minimum wage two years ago, and why I introduced Bill 312 to finish what we started," said Cruz, who introduced his much-anticipated measure despite bureaucratic delays in the release of the Independent Economic Impact Statement (EIS).

The EIS was part of the unanimous, bipartisan compromise implemented to allay concerns of both private and public sector stakeholders who were critical of Bill No. 316-32 (LS), Cruz's original measure to boost Guam's minimum hourly wage to $10.10 in three annual 95-cent increments. After days of public hearings and a threat of a veto, a pared-down version reducing the increase to a single dollar was passed and enacted into law as Guam Public Law 32-178.

As an assessment on the effects of the 2015 minimum wage increase, the EIS was required by P.L. 32-229 to be transmitted to Speaker Judith T. Won Pat no later than April 30, 2016. However, despite having more than a year to find funding, prepare a Request for Proposal, and conduct the study, both the Guam Economic Development Authority and the Guam Department of Labor—the entities assigned to ensure the conduct of the EIS—have yet to complete the statement.

"Thousands of working families have been patient, but I won't allow delay to equal denial," said Cruz, who notes that funding for the EIS was found only after he filed Freedom of Information Act requests to both entities in January. "These families need a raise, and the forces that oppose them can't win by simply kicking the bureaucratic can down the road."

Picking up where P.L. 32-178 left off, Bill No. 312-33 (COR) repeals and reenacts a section of the Minimum Wage and Hour Act of Guam's Fair Labor Standards (22 GUAM CODE ANN. §3105), requiring employers to pay workers an hourly rate of no less than $9.20 by Jan. 1, 2017 and $10.10 by Jan. 1, 2018.

"When employers don't pay the people who work for them a decent wage, taxpayers pick up the tab," said Cruz, referring to the devastating effects of low wages. "We pay $56 million a year in Earned Income Tax Credits to underpaid employees—many of whom are in the private sector. It's no wonder that tax refunds are slower than they should be."

Contrary to the predictions of an economic apocalypse that surrounded discussions of P.L. 32-178, Cruz notes that—with or without the study—unemployment and overall inflation on Guam have decreased since the enactment of the wage increase last year. According to the most recent Bureau of Labor and Statistics employment report, Guam's economy has witnessed an additional 1,220 private sector jobs in December 2015, compared to the previous year. Similarly, economist Joseph Bradley predicted a 3% to 4% economic growth in his latest forecast, suggesting an environment conducive to a second wage increase for Guam since the federal minimum wage was increased to $7.25 in 2010.

"If you take an honest look at the facts, you will find that, contrary to what opponents have contended, raising the minimum wage will not eradicate jobs, incite massive inflation, or spur the use of public benefits," said Cruz. "By giving minimum wage workers and their families a raise, we recognize right as well as reality." ***(PR)***

MINA's Green Gala rescheduled to Sept. 2

The Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance has announced that its signature fundraising event, the Green Gala, has been rescheduled from May 27, 2016 to Sept. 2, 2016. Those who have already purchased tickets can still use the tickets for the rescheduled event in September. For those who would like a refund of their purchased ticket, please contact the MINA office at 233-7333.

For over a decade, MINA has worked to become a leading conservation nonprofit organization in the Mariana Islands and throughout Micronesia through successful projects such as Tasi Watch, the Marine Debris and Adopt-A-Bin Programs, along with Schools for Environmental Conservation, the Plastic Bag Challenge, and the Managaha Sanctuary Pride Campaign.

In addition to great entertainment, dinner, and a variety of beverages, the Green Gala will feature highlights from MINA's projects and a silent auction. Previous galas have sold out due to the event's popularity. It promises to be a memorable evening. ***(PR)***

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The Marianas Visitors Authority has gone through ups and downs over the last four decades in what its current board chair Marian Aldan Pierce once described as a "roller coaster ride" for them who have been part of the tourism industry since the beginning.

From its creation on Feb. 11, 1976, MVA saw the rise and fall of different tourism markets—beginning in 1977 when 57,000 arrivals were recorded, and reaching a million cumulative visitors in 1988, and now to more than 700,000 in a recent year—as well as the incoming and outgoing of investors in the Commonwealth.

And as MVA celebrates its 40 years this year, it also welcomes a new and young chief to take the lead in this new era of tourism who envisions a balanced and sustainable growth for all in the next 40 years to come.

"We have a good team in place here at the MVA, we have predecessors that are knowledgeable on industry matters, we have a great board of directors who are longtime industry titans in the tourism industry, and we have great staff that are the real heroes in all of this," MVA managing director Chris Concepcion said, "We will definitely work together to steer the industry in the right direction."

First on Concepcion's list is the intense effort to revive and stabilize the Japanese tourism market, which has seen a decline since the 2000s.

Japanese tourism revival, destination enhancement

For the immediate short term, Concepcion said there is a need to revitalize Japan arrivals and then bring them to profitable and stable levels for airlines that fly the route.

"We're reaching out. We're in active discussions with different airlines to offer new routes and new service from different points in Japan to CNMI. Nothing confirmed yet but we're confident that we can move forward on some aspects," Concepcion said.

In order to entice this market, Concepcion acknowledges the need for further destination enhancement as well, which is another big focus for him.

"With the Japan market, because it is an advanced market, they have been travelling for a long time and they're very sophisticated travelers, they will spend good money where they see value. With that, another big part of my focus is destination enhancement and we have a good committee right now, volunteers from the community led by MVA board director Chris Nelson and destination enhancement manager Tatiana Babauta who has taken the lead on the side of the MVA," Concepcion said.

"I think when we start with destination enhancement, if you build things, clean up the islands, make it attractive, and make it worth spending money to see, that builds excitement overseas, and you end up attracting high-yield premium tourists to come and visit us," he added.

Aside from the ongoing projects such as the relighting of the Beach Road pathway, redesigning of Paseo de Marianas, and the Flower Island Project, Concepcion said he wants to showcase the uniqueness of the CNMI and the islands to have a more defined identity.

Concepcion said his team is working on coming up with "photo op worthy stuff" to become possible landmarks comparable to statues and symbols in other destinations in the world.

One idea is to have exact huge replica of the House of Taga and latte stones in strategic locations.

"The House of Taga…I'm always awed and inspired by it because the latte stone is the symbol of the Chamorro culture and Tinian has the world's largest standing latte stones," Concepcion said, "I was thinking of having an actual replica of those latte stones."

"If you imagine that in the middle of Garapan, tourists would love to stand there and take a photo," he added.

He added that they are also conceptualizing using island- and nature-themed symbols to become giant statues such as giant coconut crabs and fruit bats where people can take pictures as well.

"Social media, it's really hot today so if tourists take pictures of that and they blast it out into cyberspace then it becomes free marketing for the CNMI," Concepcion said.

Concepcion took note of the advantages of having other islands for tourists to visit as well, which would greatly improve if their respective airports begin to have direct international flights.

"That will be the catalyst for boom," Concepcion said, "I think Tinian and Rota are jewels. They are underrated. They have huge potential. The only problem is airlift. It's hard to ask tourists to get here and then ask them to jump on a small plane and go to Tinian and Rota."

Balanced growth, environmental protection, cultural preservation

Despite being in charge of the tourism industry, Concepcion said they are not only looking at growing the industry but balancing and managing it.

"Growth is good but managed growth is key. It's a huge responsibility for the MVA," Concepcion said.

While he believes the CNMI can sustain over a million arrivals in a year, a direction that he wants to go in is to have "quality tourists."

Concepcion

"A very important part of our mission here is to balance out any growth in the tourism industry and tourist arrivals. We do need more tourists of course but with that, we want more quality tourists, high-spending, high-yield tourists who will have great impact on the economy but minimal impact on the environment," Concepcion said.

"I would rather have one tourist spending $1 million here than one million tourists spending a dollar each because it's easier on the environment. I am for the protection of the environment and promoting eco-friendly initiatives," he added.

Concepcion said the fragile state of the environment, particularly the ocean and jungles, is something that must be protected.

"Everybody comes here to see the nature, and the beaches, and enjoy the nice weather and those are the things that we need to protect and promote going forward," Concepcion said.

He also believes that preserving the islands' culture is essential, so groups who are promoting cultural performances must be encouraged.

"The idea that the culture defines the destination, that's very important for me. That's the only way to distinguish us from other places," Concepcion said. "The Chamorros and the Carolinians are here in the CNMI and this is their home and so it should stand out differently from other cultures and islands in the Pacific."

With all the developments that will be coming on line in the CNMI in the next years, Concepcion said there is a need to define sustainable and longterm beneficial growth.

"We all need to come to consensus on what type of development we want for the CNMI because with all the plans that we have coming along here in the next few years, if all these hotel developments really come to fruition, it's huge. There are going to be thousands of rooms that we need to fill," Concepcion said.

"Overdevelopment is not good for anybody," he added.

Leadership, community support

While MVA takes the lead in the CNMI's only industry, the authority continues to stress that "Tourism is everybody's business" and that they need the help of everyone to be able to continue promoting the islands as a tropical paradise destination.

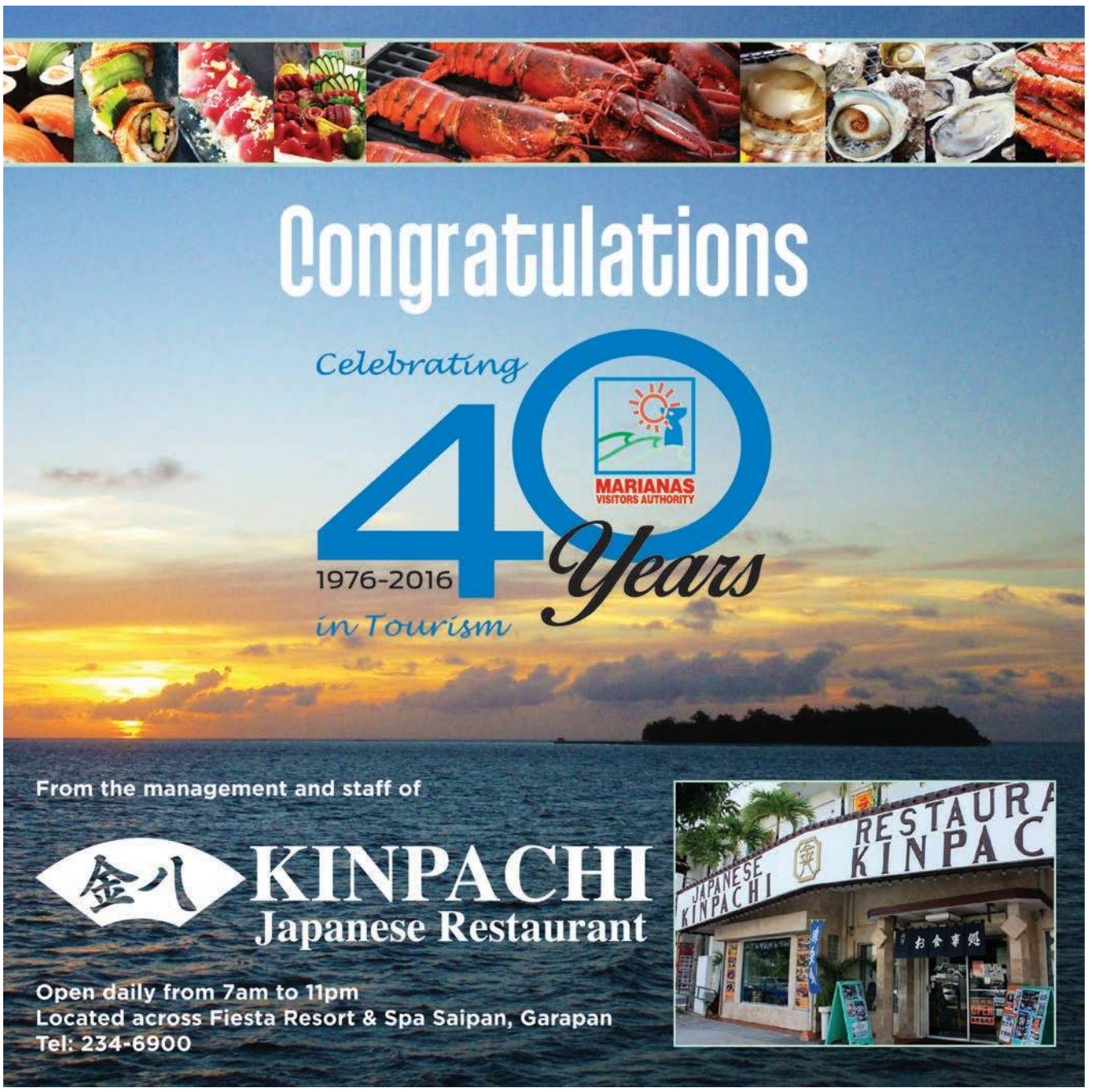
MVA said it needs the support of the Commonwealth's leaders, particularly of the Legislature and the Executive Branch, to make sure that they have the funds to be able to compete with the promotion capabilities of other destinations.

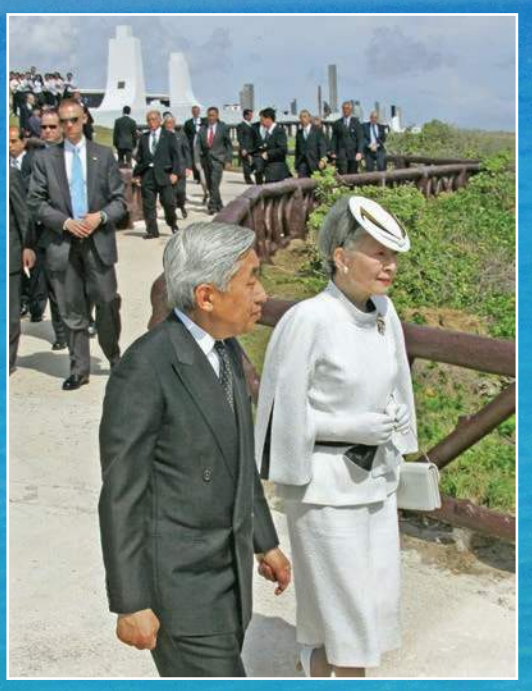
"If you fund MVA, you fund the tourism industry," Concepcion said, "Along the lines of supporting MVA is we need the support of the leaders on Capital Hill to be able to protect MVA's primary funding source which is the hotel occupancy tax which we only get 80 percent of."

"I hope this year there is full support with our budgetary requirements because we need the money. It's very expensive to market the CNMI overseas," he added.

Aside from government leaders, MVA also needs the participation of stakeholders and the community as a whole to ensure the continued growth of the islands' tourism for decades to come.

"It's a new day; it's a new era in CNMI tourism. We have a great team, a great board in place. I'd like to ask for the support of the entire community as we move things forward with all this development coming on line here in the CNMI the next few years, we really need everybody on the same page here so that we control and temper any development so that it benefits us and it's not too much of a burden on our islands, our infrastructure, our environment, our way of life," Concepcion said.





A message from the Marianas Visitors Authority

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Tourism in the Northern Mariana Islands officially began on Feb. 11, 1976, when Francisco C. Ada, district administrator of the Northern Mariana Islands, signed enabling legislation District Law 4-415 to create the then-Marianas Visitors Bureau. The bureau had nine board members; five were appointed by the executive branch and four were elected from within the general membership. In 1977, the bureau recorded about 57,000 arrivals, of which more than 98 percent were visitors from Japan.

Since that humble beginning 40 years ago, the MVA has grown to a peak of over 700,000 visitors in 1997, and nearly half a million visitors last fiscal year as the industry continues to rebound. Today, we champion the appeal of our islands with representative offices in Japan, China, Korea, Taiwan, Russia, and the Philippines. Each year, we organize a number of signature events for the enjoyment of visitors and residents, alike. And most recently, we have renewed emphasis on enhancing our destination to keep it beautiful for those who live here and those who visit.

Today, the Marianas Visitors Authority is leading the charge in a full economic recovery from the industry woes that began in the late 1990s. Through effective and efficient use of its funding and your partnership, with emphasis on market diversification and environmental sensitivity, the MVA has laid an economic foundation for the next 40 years to come in the Northern Mariana Islands.

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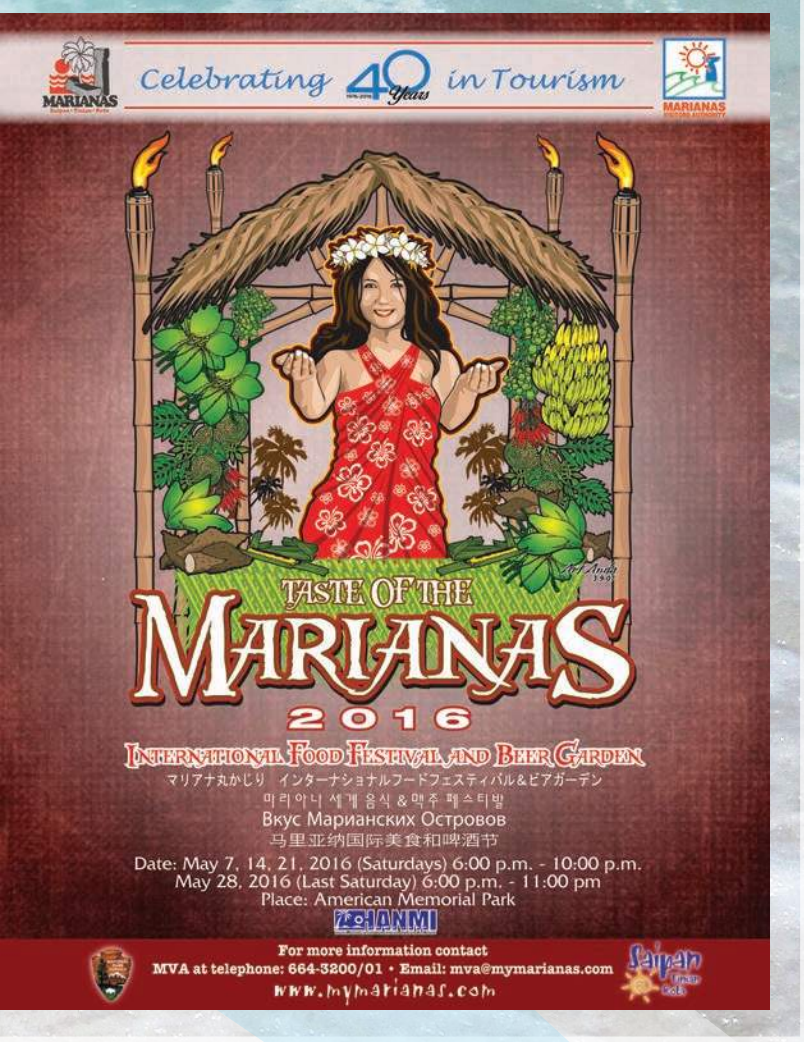

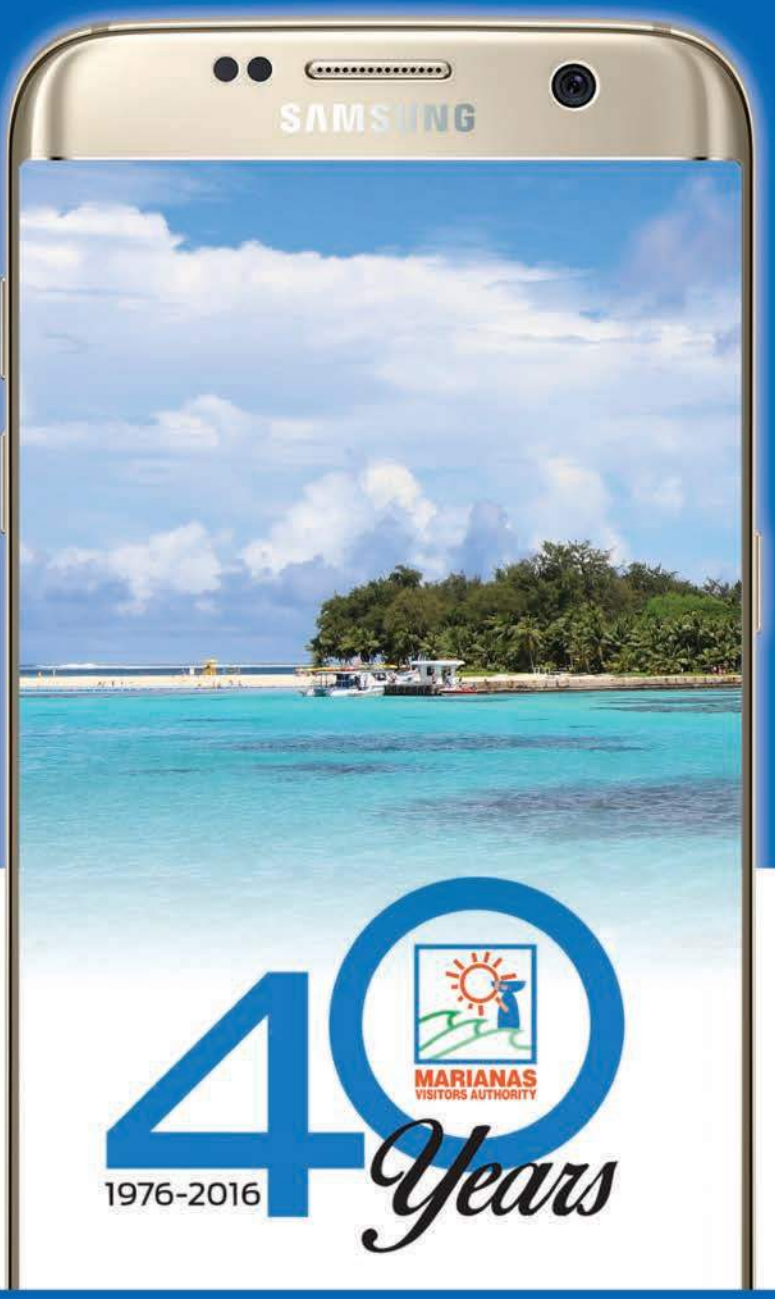

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Nation

Trump says GOP unity would be nice, not essential

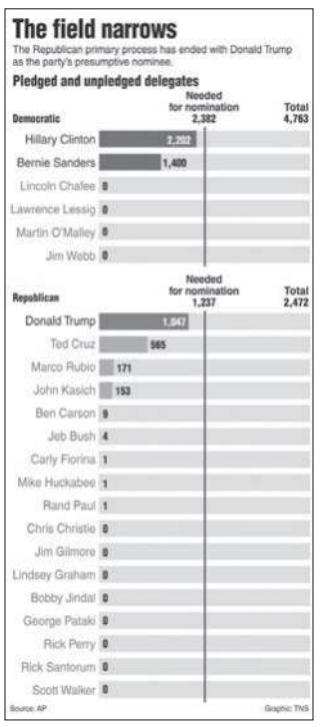
WASHINGTON (AP)—With a growing number of prominent Republicans refusing to fall in line, Donald Trump is standing firm in his assertion that the Republican Party doesn't have to be unified because he will gain Democratic votes to win in the fall.

"I think it would be better if it were unified, I think it would be—there would be something good about it," Trump said in an interview with ABC's "This Week" airing Sunday. "But I don't think it actually has to be unified in the traditional sense."

George H.W. Bush and his son, George W. Bush, the only former Republican presidents still living, said they would not back Trump's candidacy. Two former Trump rivals for the nomination, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham, are among those who have also said they don't plan to back Trump.

Trump played down his problems unifying the GOP as he continued to assail Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton, whom he's dubbed "Crooked Hillary."

Trump is once again raising



former President Bill Clinton's marital infidelities, a preview of how the billionaire businessman is likely to respond to general-election attacks from Hillary Clinton and her allies about his treatment of women.

"She's married to a man who was the worst abuser of women in the history of politics," Trump said of Clinton on Saturday as he addressed supporters at the Spokane Convention Center just days after becoming the presumptive Republican nominee.

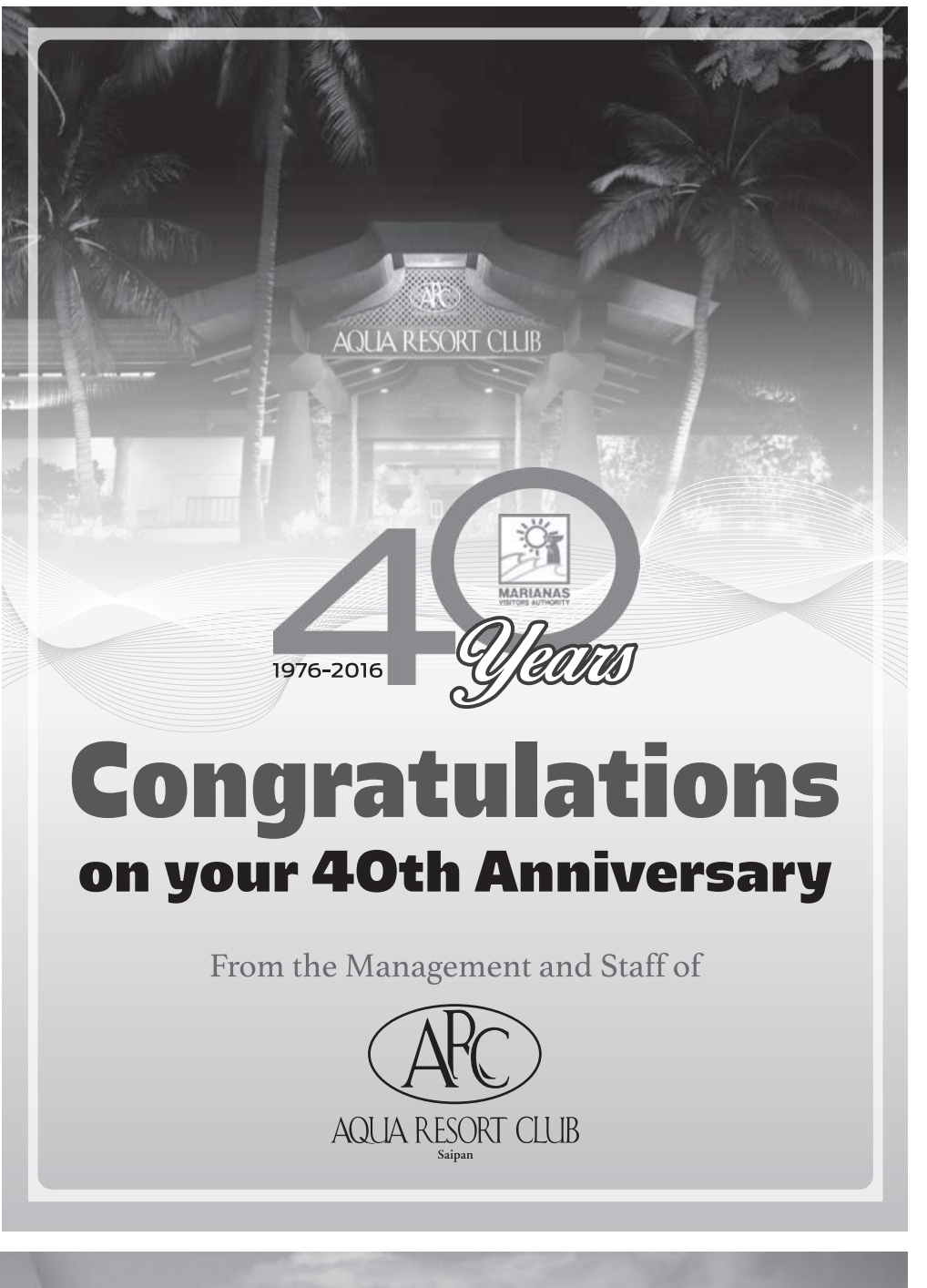
Trump appeared to be responding to news that Priorities USA, the lead super PAC backing Clinton, has already reserved $91 million in television advertising that will start next month. Much of the negative advertising against Trump is expected to focus on belittling statements he's made about women in the past.

But Trump declared Saturday, "Two can play that game."

Deriding a culture of political correctness in which, he says, men are "petrified to speak to women anymore," Trump also defended himself as a great supporter of women and sought to downplay past comments he's made about women in venues like the Howard Stern radio show in the days before he was a politician.

He said some were made in the name of entertainment, while others, like his criticism of actress and talk show host Rosie O'Donnell, were warranted.

"Who the hell wouldn't speak badly about Rosie O'Donnell? She's terrible," he said.



World

Kim says Pyongyang won't use nukes first

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said during a critical ruling party congress that his country will not use its nuclear weapons first unless its sovereignty is invaded, state media reported Sunday.

Kim also said he is ready to improve ties with "hostile" nations in a diplomatic overture in the face of international pressure over its recent nuclear test and long-range rocket launch. He also called for more talks with rival South Korea to reduce misunderstanding and distrust between them and urged the United States to stay away from inter-Korean issues, according to the official Korean Central News Agency.

"Our republic is a responsible nuclear state that, as we made clear before, will not use nuclear weapons first unless aggressive hostile forces use nuclear weapons to invade on our sovereignty," Kim said in a speech carried by the KCNA.

"(Our republic) will sincerely fulfill its duties for the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and work to realize the denuclearization of the world," he said.

At the congress, Kim also announced a five-year plan starting this year to develop the North's dismal economy and identified improving the country's power supply and increasing its agricultural and light-manufacturing production as the critical parts of the program, the KCNA said.

Analysts have anticipated Kim would use the first Workers' Party congress in decades to propose talks with rivals to exploit what he considers to be increased leverage as a nuclear power.

North Korea carried out its fourth nuclear test in January and followed with a satellite launch in February that was seen by outside governments as a banned test for long-range missile technology, earning worldwide condemnation and tougher U.N. sanctions.

PH mayor draws huge crowd in show of force before vote

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The outspoken city mayor who is the front-runner in the Philippine presidential race drew the largest crowd Saturday as the candidates held their final rallies, despite efforts by the president to block his election bid over fears he could threaten the country's democracy.

After crisscrossing the archipelago nation, the five presidential candidates, led by Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, converged in the vote-rich capital Manila as three months of bruising campaigning came to an end ahead of Monday's election.

About 300,000 people turned up at Duterte's rally at a historic grandstand by Manila Bay where presidential inaugurations have been held, according to an initial police estimate. Crowds at the other candidates' gatherings were much smaller based on police counts.

"All of you who are into drugs, you sons of bitches, I will really kill you," Duterte told the huge crowd, using his typically coarse style of speaking. He said he would risk his life to fulfill a bold promise to end crime and corruption within months if he wins.

"I have no patience, I have no middle ground, either you kill me or I will kill you idiots," he said as the crowd cheered.

At the end of his speech, Duterte tried to shift from his crude demeanor, promising that if he wins, "I'll be decent."

Duterte's jubilant allies declared that the election was all but decided.

Ronald Holmes, president of independent pollster Pulse Asia, however, said the race, one of the most closely fought in the country's electoral history, remained too tight to call.

Duterte's lead of 11 percentage points over former Interior Secretary Mar Roxas and Sen. Grace Poe in Pulse Asia's final poll would be difficult to overtake, but it can still be "wiped out" depending on sudden loyalty shifts by voters, Holmes said by phone.

Massive Alberta wildfire expected to burn for months

LAC LA BICHE, Alberta (AP)—The images are ones of devastation—scorched homes, virtually whole neighborhoods burned to the ground. And Canadian officials say they expect to fight the massive wildfire that has destroyed large parts of Alberta's oil sands town for months.

There's fear the growing wildfire could double in size and reach a major oil sands mine and even the neighboring province of Saskatchewan.

The Alberta government said the massive blaze in the province will cover more than 200,000 hectares (494,211 acres) by Sunday and continue to grow because of high temperatures, dry conditions and high winds. Chad Morrison of Alberta Wildfire said it's not uncommon to fight such an inferno in forested areas for months.

"In no way is this fire under control," Alberta Premier Rachel Notley said.

Officials had hoped to complete the mass evacuation of work camps north of Fort McMurray on Saturday. Thousands of displaced residents got a drive-by view of some of the burned-out neighborhoods as convoys continued. No deaths or injuries have been reported since the fire started last Sunday.

Notley said about 12,000 evacuees have been airlifted from oil sands mine air fields over the past two days, and about 7,000 have left in highway convoys escorted by police. She said the goal was to complete the evacuation from northern work camps by Sunday.

The fire could reach the edges of the Suncor oil sands facility, about 15 miles (25 kilometers) north of Fort McMurray. Non-essential staff have been evacuating and efforts to protect the site were underway.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, -vs- VINCENT A. MANGLONA, BENITA A. MANGLONA, V.B. MANGLONA ENTERPRISES, TONGA GARDENS, PASEO DRIVE INCORPORATED, GUAM ISLA LP GAS AND APPLIANCE and MOBIL OIL MICRONESIA, INC. Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0194-CV

NOTICE OF AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, CNMI Marshal, or any other person authorized by law hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Vincent A. Manglona and Benita A. Manglona in the following described, real properties situated in Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Fee simple title to:

Tract No. 22102, Rota, containing an area of 25,000 square meters, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2048/77 the original of which was registered 23 APR 79 as Document No. 8162 at Land Registry, Saipan.

Tract No 22214, Rota, containing an area of 25,000 square meters, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 3017/87 the original of which was registered 28 FEB 89 as Document No. 89-0624 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

Lot No. 053 R 01, Rota, containing an area of 535 square meters, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 053 R 00 the original of which was registered 19 JAN 94 as Document No. 94-0176 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

Lot No. 001 R 07, Rota, containing an area of 836 square meters, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 R 00 the original of which was registered 21 NOV 71 as Document No. 1288 at Land Registry, Saipan.

Leasehold Interest to:

Lot No. 017 R 01, Rota, containing an area of 929 square meters, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 017 R 00 the original of which was recorded 29 JUL 87 as Document No. 87-2715 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

Lot No. 044 R 04, Rota, containing an area of 6,626 square meters, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 044 R 00 the original of which was registered 28 APR 77 as Document No. 6031 at Land Registry, Saipan.

Lot No. 044 R 12, Rota, containing an area of 3,197 square meters, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 044 R 00 the original of which was registered 28 APR 77 as Document No. 6031 at Land Registry, Saipan.

Lot No. 001 R 25, Rota, containing an area of 735 square meters, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 R 00 the original of which was registered 12 NOV 71 as Document No. 1288 at Land Registry, Saipan.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m. on Friday May 27. 2016.** subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**

2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.

3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
   a.) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
   b.) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c.) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.

4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax: 235 7147; or to Vicente T. Salas, P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234 7256.

5. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.

6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

7. **Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Vincent A. Manglona and Benita A. Manglona in the property and any improvements thereon are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property or its title will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 04 day of May, 2016.

/s/ ROBERT A. GUERRERO, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled a meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (Technology Room) in Susupe, Saipan.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

I. PRELIMINARIES:
A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call
C. Adoption of Agenda
D. Adoption of Minutes – March 4, 2016

II. REPORTS:
A. Report by the Chairman
B. Report by the Executive Director

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. OLD BUSINESS:
A. Junket Operator's License Applications - Update
B. Casino Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS) - Extension

V. NEW BUSINESS:
A. Casino Key Employees – Provisional Licenses (E.R. De Sousa & K.C. Albert Tang)
B. IPI External Audit Report

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day or more if necessary.

/s/ Juan M. Sablan
Chairman

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In re Estate of GEORGE A. MANGLONA, Deceased, : CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-1061

SIXTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVE that, pursuant to an order issued by the Court in this matter on March 11, 2009, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of the Estate of George A. Manglona in and to the following property:

1. Lot 002 T 22. The Estate owns this lot, which contains an area of 1,448 square meters more or less, in fee simple. Title is subject to outstanding mortgages, the balances due on which are negotiable.

2. Lot. 008 T 85. This lot contains an area of 901 square meters. The Estate owns a leasehold interest in the lot, which expires on July 21, 2047. No further rent is due.

Both of these properties are situated in Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands. All sales are subject to court approval.

Preliminary title reports are available for inspection at the office of the undersigned, by appointment only.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, June 10, 2016, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the law offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Term and Conditions of Sales. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 26th day of April, 2016:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ. F-0122
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

JOSE CONCEPCION MUÑA,

Deceased

Civil Action No. 15-0143

NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE PETITION FOR FINAL DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION

DATE: June 14, 2016
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
JUDGE: David A. Wiseman

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE Jose Concepcion Muña:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Beltran B. Muña**, Administrator of the Estate of Jose Concepcion Muña, has filed with the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands a **Petition for Final Decree of Distribution** in the above captioned matter. The attorney for Administrator is **Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.**

The hearing on the Petition for Final Decree of Distribution has been set for the **day of June 14, 2016 , 2016 at 1 : 30 p.m.** , at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Dated this 3rd day of May 2016.

Clerk of Court
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-16-014

AS LITO WATER DISTRIBUTION UPGRADE AND REPLACEMENT/RELOCATION OF SERVICE LATERALS

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of As Lito Water Distribution Upgrade and Replacement/Relocation of Service Laterals in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This work consists of new installation of new distribution lines, cut and cap of existing lines and tapping to existing mains. The work also includes the installation of new fire hydrants, flush hydrants, air relief valves, new water lateral connections, relocation and reconnection of existing water meters and asphalt pavement restoration, etc. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 365 calendar days from date of award of contract.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on **May 19, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "*CUC-IFB-16-014, As Lito Water Distribution Upgrade and Replacement/Relocation of Service Laterals*" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 9, 2016,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. *A Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 23, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Administrative Support Assistant – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
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PUBLIC NOTICE

(Friday, May 06, 2016) The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) would like to inform the general public to take cautious measures when entering the Gualo Rai Tank area located on Mac Arthur Drive, Gualo Rai.

The CUC contractor, USA Fanter will be removing lead-based paint from the exterior wall of the Gualo Rai water tank, which is the first step of the reservoir removal. USA Fanter and CUC will be taking all precautions to minimize any lead particles from entering the surrounding area by enclosing the construction site with a large tarp. Allied Pacific Environmental Consulting, Inc. (APEC) has been hired to monitor the safety of the workers and monitor the lead-based paint abatement process.

The new concrete Gualo Rai water tank will be constructed after the old tank is demolished and properly disposed. The new tank's exterior will be painted with non-lead based paint.

Residents who live near the reservoir are advised to stay 50 feet away from the construction site. The removal process is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 09, 2016 and is estimated to be completed within two weeks.

CUC last tested the Saipan water distribution system in 2014, and all results were below the lead action level of 15 parts per billion (ppb). CUC will be testing the Saipan water system in summer 2017, and Tinian and Rota for lead and copper this summer. CUC is required to test the water system once every three years because the levels historically have been well below the action levels. CUC's annual water quality report indicates the most recent results for all detected compounds in the water system. The report can be accessed at the CUC website at http://www.cucgov.org/operations/waterwastewater/

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/).

About the Project
This project is funded by the Department of the Interior - Office of Insular Affairs through the CNMI CIP Office.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-16-012

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Dated: May 2, 2016

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is hereby notifying all prospective bidders of the following amendment to CUC-IFB-16-012:

- **Bid Submittal Deadline:**

The bid submittal deadline has been extended from 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 19, 2016 to 1:30 PM (ChST) on May 26, 2016.

One (1) Original Hard Copy must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-16-012, Supply & Delivery of Power Distribution Annual Materials, Saipan, CNMI" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 1:30 p.m. (ChST) on May 26, 2016,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.** *A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to CUC Procurement & Supply Division via email address cucprocurement@cucgov.org or alternately include a CD with the copy of the submission.*

All other terms and conditions in the Scope of Work, shall remain unchanged and in full force.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-16-012

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF POWER DISTRIBUTION ANNUAL MATERIALS

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified vendors for the Supply and Delivery of Power Distribution Annual Materials for Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of **$80.00** for one IFB package set.

CUC may award a contract to more than one firm for the materials, based on bids for "Commodity Groups".

One (1) Original Hard Copy must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-16-012, Supply & Delivery of Power Distribution Annual Materials, Saipan, CNMI" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 19, 2016,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. *A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to CUC Procurement & Supply Division via email address cucprocurement@cucgov.org or alternately include a CD with the copy of the submission.*

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract(s) is contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission and the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Board of Director's approval. The contract(s) will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 2, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Joseph Crisostimo, CUC Power Division, Purchasing Technician via email joseph.crisostimo@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

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Office of the Secretary of Public Works
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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-16-IFB-012

Repair and Renovation of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Building N-2, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Repair and Renovation of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Building N-2, Navy Hill,** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **May 09, 2016** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **May 25, 2016 , 9:00 a.m. local time** at Project Site, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **May 27, 2016** to **Mr. George C. Sablan, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. George C. Sablan, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-16-IFB-012"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, June 17, 2016.** Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, June 17, 2016**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **June 17, 2016** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **June 29, 2016.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

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A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

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1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Ninety (90) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred (US$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-16-IFB-007

Repair and Renovation of San Antonio Youth Center

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Repair and Renovation of San Antonio Youth Center,** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **April 25, 2016** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **May 11, 2016, 9:00 a.m. local time** at the Project Site, located at San Antonio, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **May 13, 2016** to **Mr. George C. Sablan, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. George C. Sablan, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

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/s/ **PETER P. CAMACHO**
Acting Secretary of Public Works

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
Director of Procurement & Supply

Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
1 Lower Navy Hill Road Navy Hill, Saipan, MP 96950

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The CNMI WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program is now accepting Vendor Application for Tinian Vendors only.

Interested vendors may pick up an application at the main office located on Upper Navy Hill Building #N-25 starting May 6, 2016 through May 20, 2016 (Monday to Friday) or request for an application via email at fabianu@cnmiwic.org.

Applications must be submitted to the CNMI WIC Program office no later than 4:00 p.m., May 20, 2016.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to carefully read through the information provided to ensure minimum qualifications are met.

Inquiries and technical questions may be directed to the Vendor Management Coordinator, Fabian M. Ulloa at (670) 664-4066, by email at fabianu@cnmiwic.org or by facsimile at (670) 664-4069.

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/s/ Esther L. Muna
Chief Executive Officer
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

/s/ Erin Angela Camacho
WIC Program Administrator
CNMI WIC Program

UNITED STATES
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities hereby gives notice that it will hold its 4th Quarter General Membership Meeting on May 18, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the LaoLao Bay Golf Resort, Caladium Hall.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER
II. ROLL CALL
III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – March 9, 2016
V. REPORTS
- a. Chairman
- b. Executive Director
- c. Fiscal Committee Chairperson
- d. State Plan Committee Chairperson

VI. ACTION ITEMS
- a. Review & Approve the Proposed FY 2017 – 2021 DD Basic State Plan Goals and Objectives

VII. OLD BUSINESS
- a. Transition Coalition
- b. Autism Awareness Month
- c. NMC-UCEDD Data Collection/Survey Monkey

VIII. NEW BUSINESS
- a. CNMI Western Pacific Islands Typhoon Readiness and Planning Workshop
- b. National Disability Employment Awareness Month
- c. Assistive Technology & Transition Conference

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION
XII. MISCELLANEOUS
XIII. NEXT MEETING
XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Note: Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 13(a) 7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session.
In accordance to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting and require special accommodations are requested to call the Council 5 days in advance at 664-7000. The Public is welcome to submit written or 3 minutes oral comments regarding the agenda above.

/s/ John Demapan
Chairman

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In Celebration of his new Life

Ernest Anthony Mangarero Sablan

April 15, 1952 – April 30, 2016

In his new life, he now joins his:

Parents: ***Ignacio M. Sablan & Maria M. Sablan***
Parents-In-Law: ***Vidal A. Camacho & Justa Q. Camacho***
Brother: ***Fredrick M. Sablan***
Brothers-In-Law: ***Joseph R. Concepcion & Herman S. Cruz***

His memory will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: ***Elizabeth C. Sablan***

Children & Grandchildren:

- ***Sonny Vidal*** & Belinda
  - Nicole/Maru, Sonny Vidal Jr., Annie Maria
- ***Eric Ignacio*** & Teresa
  - Vidal Jose, Aaliyah Victoria
- ***John Peter*** & Nicole
  - Ava Carmina, Naomi Therese
- ***Ernest Anthony Jr.***

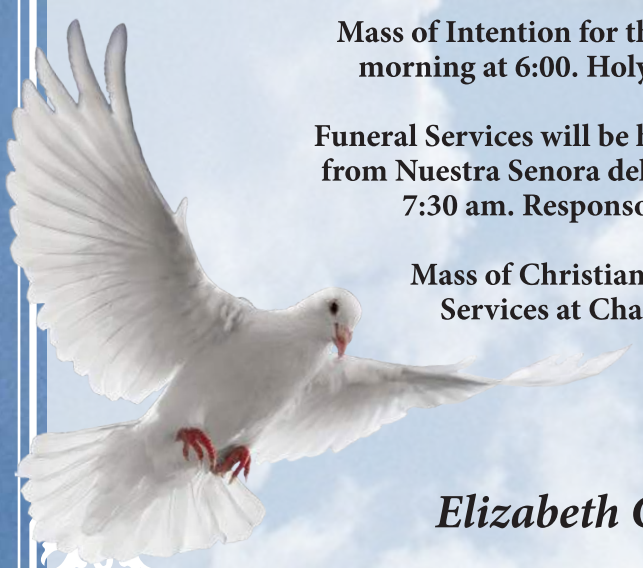
Brothers, Sisters & their spouses:

- ***Drs. Oscar*** & Marcia Sablan
- ***Eleanor*** & †Herman Cruz
- ***Jeannette*** & Eleuterio Mesa
- ***Esther*** & Michael Fleming
- ***Felixberto*** & Cathy Sablan
- ***Louise C. Concepcion*** & William Ada & †Joseph R. Concepcion
- ***Herbert*** & Kelly Sablan
- ***Victoria*** & Brien Sers Nicholas
- ***Elizabeth*** & James Ada
- ***Agnes M. Sablan***
- ***Carlos M. Sablan*** & Michelle Maloney
- ***April*** & Glenn Camacho

Brothers- & Sisters-In-Law:

- ***Dr. Manuel*** & Magdalena Sablan
- ***Margaret S. McQuay***
- ***Rita Q. Camacho***
- ***Vicente*** & Erika Camacho
- ***George Q. Camacho*** & Lydia Sablan
- ***Juan*** & Luisa Camacho
- ***Ronald*** & Rosie Roberto
- ***Ellen Q. Camacho***
- ***Manuel Q. Camacho***
- ***Emerita Q. Camacho***

He will also be missed by numerous uncles, aunties, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.



Mass of Intention for the repose of his soul is being celebrated at Kristo Rai Church every morning at 6:00. Holy Rosary is being prayed nightly at Kristo Rai Church at 7:00 pm.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016. Our beloved †Ernest will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral at 7:30 am. Responso Service and the Holy Rosary will take place upon his arrival.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am, followed by Interment Services at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery, where he will be laid to peaceful rest.

Please join us in prayers.

Thank you – Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Elizabeth Camacho Sablan, Children and Families

Life & Style

Prince 'lifesaving mission' turned tragic for doctor's son

By CARLA K. JOHNSON
AP MEDICAL WRITER

AP
A star honoring Prince, now painted gold, stands out on the wall Thursday, May 5, 2016 as fans gathered at the memorial for the singer at First Avenue in Minneapolis where he often performed.

Andrew Kornfeld's red-eye flight to bring a prescription drug to Prince has been described by his attorney as a "lifesaving mission" to persuade the superstar to start treatment for addiction.

Instead, the 26-year-old Californian found Prince collapsed in an elevator at his Paisley Park home.

Neither Andrew Kornfeld nor his father, an addiction and pain doctor, has been accused of wrongdoing. But a law enforcement official said on Friday investigators want to interview both of them about the drug that was never administered to Prince. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Kornfeld helped in his father's medical practice by teaching surfing to young drug users in recovery. In college, his studies in neuroscience sparked a fascination with consciousness and psychedelic drugs such as LSD.

Jim Fadiman, a psychologist who popularized the notion of using micro-doses of LSD to enhance workplace productivity, considers the younger Kornfeld "a brilliant man."

Kornfeld's father sent his son to Prince's Minneapolis-area home, a decision that has raised questions about whether the doctor was acting legally at the time. The elder Kornfeld was not licensed to practice medicine in Minnesota and was not registered to care for patients there via telemedicine, as the state requires. His son was not a licensed prescriber.

Since his connection with Prince became known, the younger Kornfeld has been stalked by celebrity photographers and has avoided talking publicly about the musician's death. Reached by phone Friday, he said simply, "Sorry. I'm not making a comment at this time."

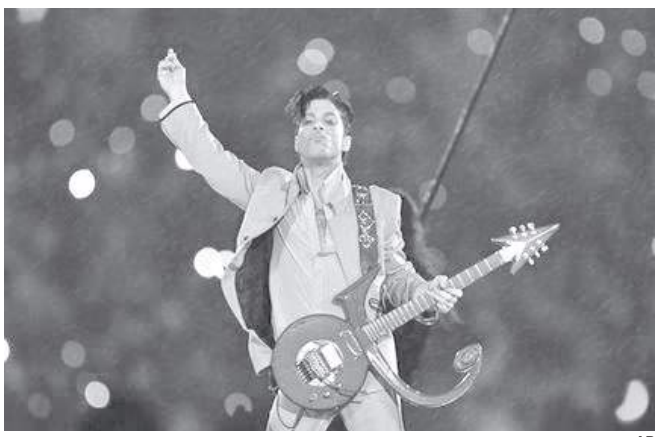
Andrew Kornfeld's social media accounts show him smiling with a surfboard and list him as CEO of a Bay Area marketing company for health professionals. A University of California Santa Cruz spokesman confirmed that he graduated in 2013 with bachelor's degrees in psychology and neuroscience.

Stevie Wonder, Eric Benet, more honor Prince in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Stevie Wonder, Faith Evans, Aloe Blacc and Eric Benet paid tribute to Prince with words and music at a public memorial Friday in Los Angeles.

Thousands of Prince fans gathered in front of Los Angeles City Hall for the celebration, where the entertainers performed songs from Prince's vast catalog. Investigators are still trying to determine what caused his unexpected death last month at age 57.

Benet, who is married to Prince's ex-wife Manuela Testolini, sang "Raspberry Beret," Evans performed "I Feel for You" and Blacc sang "Diamonds and Pearls."



AP
In this Feb. 4, 2007 file photo, Prince performs during the halftime show at the Super Bowl XLI football game at Dolphin Stadium in Miami.

"My wife and I had just dropped off our daughter, little Lucia, at school and we got the news," Benet said. "It was a difficult time, and it still is and I think for the rest of the world it's one of those things where you can't really wrap your brain around it."

Blacc said he admired Prince's humanitarian work as much as his musical gifts.

"As popular and famous as he was, he was always still doing things unseen to make the world a better place," he said.

Wonder closed the evening with a performance of "Purple Rain."

"What an incredible life, music and legacy that he gave us," Wonder told the crowd. "I think the only thing we can do in the spirit of Prince is to learn to truly love one another and come together. We can't just talk about it we got to be about it."

Prince's family members planning memorial for late music superstar

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Prince's family members say they are planning an official memorial service to say goodbye to the late music superstar.

Prince's six surviving siblings said in a statement Friday that, contrary to reports, no public memorial, funeral or tribute service has been organized or authorized by his family or Paisley Park representatives.

But the family says they are planning an official memorial service to take place "in the near future." The statement says details are expected soon.

Prince's family says the "Purple Rain" star and his music "influenced so many people that we feel inspired to celebrate his life and legacy in just the right way."

Prince died April 21 at his Paisley Park home and recording complex in suburban Minneapolis. The cause of death remains under investigation.

Funeral costs need covering after boyfriend's suddent death

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of 5 1/2 years died unexpectedly. Like so many other Americans, he didn't have life insurance or any money to cover his funeral. For the last 2 1/2 years I provided the primary financial support when he came and lived with me.

His mother made the decisions about the casket and service. She asked that money instead of flowers be given to help pay for the cost of the funeral. Around $4,000 is still owed. She now says the remaining cost should be divided between her, her exhusband and me.

I don't think I should be obligated to assume a third of the funeral costs. If I had been married to him, the situation would be different. I have friends and family who agree with me and others who don't. If I tell his mother it isn't my responsibility to pay, she and other family members may never speak to me again. What is your response to this scenario?

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

DEAR WHO: This may seem negative, but of this I am positive: Even if you do pay a third of the funeral expenses, those people may turn away from you anyway. So do as your conscience dictates and nobody else.

DEAR ABBY: It has been more than 30 years since I knew the whereabouts of my brother, my only sibling. Over the years, I have searched for him off and on, especially when there were major life events. Both of our parents have died, with my mother cursing him at the end. My family believed he was probably dead since no one had heard from him, even to ask for money.

Yesterday, I Googled his name, and to my surprise his mug shot popped up. It appears he has been incarcerated for most of the 30 years and has a rap sheet a mile long. Nothing violent, just stealing. I am saddened to have seen his photo this way and wonder why he never reached out to me. He has been alone, a criminal, for most of his life with no one to love or care about him.

My husband says don't contact him, and I probably shouldn't. I'd just like him to know that I have missed him and I am sad his life turned out this way. Am I a fool to want to know this hardened criminal? I am justifiably afraid that he could be big trouble. Please advise.

SAD SISTER IN TEXAS

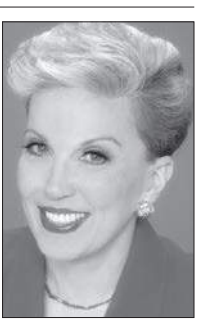
DEAR SAD SISTER: Your brother may have refrained from contacting the family because he was ashamed of the mess he had made of his life. So let's follow your question to its logical conclusion.

You contact your incarcerated, career-criminal brother and tell him how sad you are that his life turned out this way. Then what? What will you do if he wants to correspond with you? If he wants money? If he needs a place to stay if he's ever released?

Unless you are prepared to assume responsibility for someone you have had no contact with in decades, listen to your husband. You already have the information you were searching for, so don't go looking for trouble -- because your brother IS trouble.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

DEAR READERS: It's National Women's Health Week, so here's a gentle reminder to make your health a priority. Eat healthy, allow time for exercise, manage your stress levels, and schedule that appointment you've been putting off to see your doctor or dentist. Your most precious possession is your health, so please take care of it. For more information, visit womenshealth.gov.

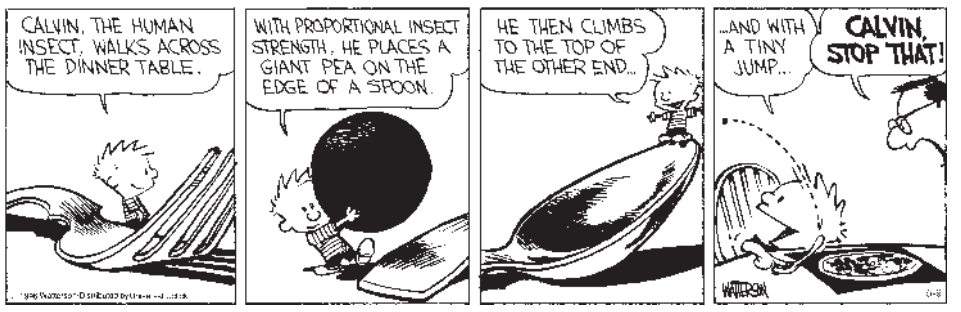
Love, ABBY

To order "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby – Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price.

Pastimes

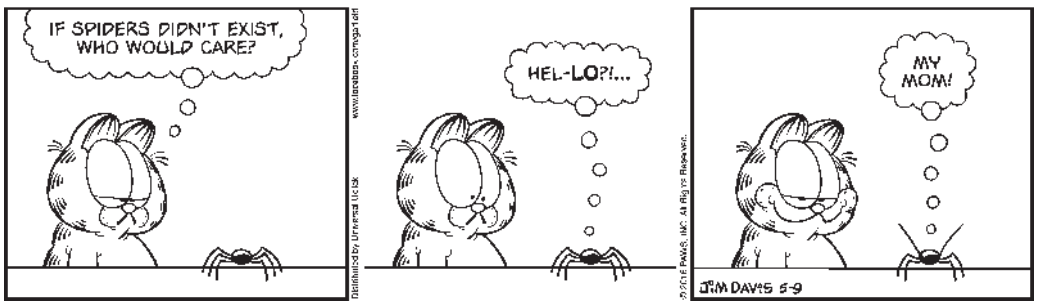
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


CALVIN, THE HUMAN INSECT, WALKS ACROSS THE DINNER TABLE.
WITH PROPORTIONAL INSECT STRENGTH, HE PLACES A GIANT PEA ON THE EDGE OF A SPOON.
HE THEN CLIMBS TO THE TOP OF THE OTHER END...
...AND WITH A TINY JUMP...
CALVIN, STOP THAT!
WATTERSON

Garfield®

By Jim Davis



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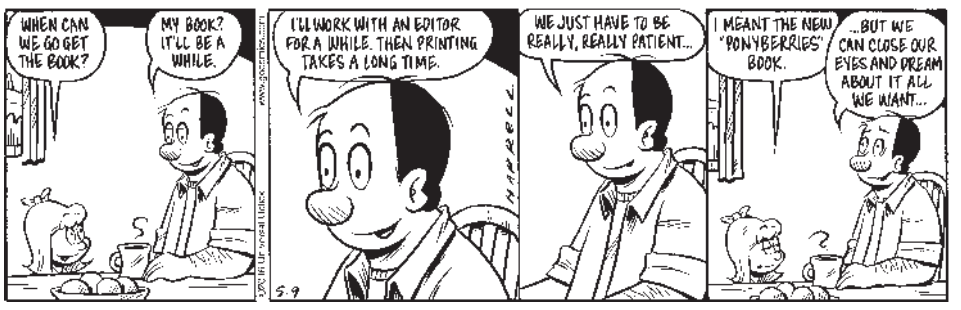
By Bryan Basset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WE JUST HAVE TO BE REALLY, REALLY PATIENT...
I MEANT THE NEW "PONYBERRIES" BOOK.
...BUT WE CAN CLOSE OUR EYES AND DREAM ABOUT IT ALL WE WANT...
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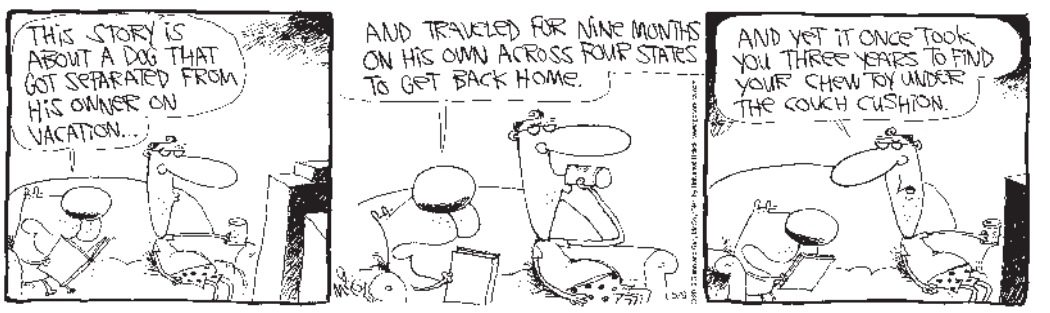
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy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AND YET IT ONCE TOOK YOU THREE YEARS TO FIND YOUR CHEW TOY UNDER THE COUCH CUSHION.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 "See ya!"
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48 Started
49 Vendors' wagons
54 Exist
55 "Adam Bede" author
56 Motorist's org.
57 Neither mate
58 Genders
59 Like some humor

DOWN
1 "Humbug!"
2 "How dare —!"
3 Golfer Ernie
4 Tam topper
5 Rescued cat, e.g.
6 Sawbuck
7 Shorthand pro
8 Grammy-winning cellist
9 Pizza topping
10 Pot starter
11 Lads
16 Owned
20 Pretzel seasoning
21 Piece of hardware
22 On the briny
23 Next-day delivery, perhaps
27 Carte lead-in
29 Sharpen
30 Oodles
32 Bridge fee
34 Sir Walter Scott novel
37 Runs off to wed
39 Votes for
42 As — (usually)
44 Mauna —
45 Blueprint
46 Plane-related
50 Half dozen
51 Cold and damp
52 Sailor
53 Utter

Solution time: 27 mins.

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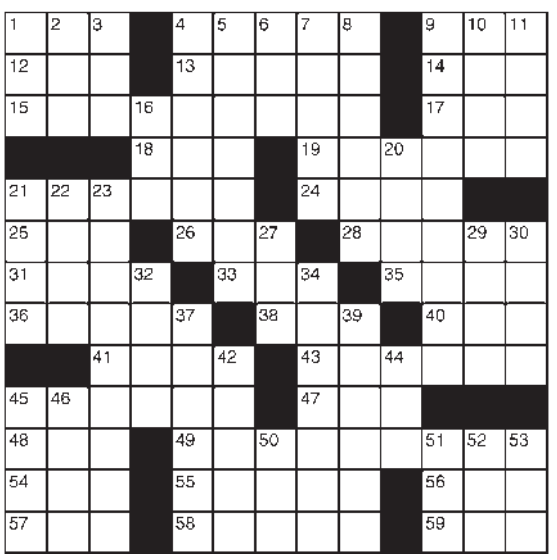
Friday's answer 5 - 9



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Steve Yzerman, 51; John Corbett, 55; Billy Joel, 67; Candice Bergen, 70.

Happy Birthday: Stay on track. This is a year to make accomplishments. What you put out, you will get back. Use your knowledge, expertise and charm to convince others to pitch in and help. Romance, family and children will play a huge role in your reaching greater personal and professional security. You can break new ground if you believe in yourself. Your numbers are 6, 11, 19, 23, 34, 42, 49.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Don't rely on someone else to bring about personal changes. Set your priorities and finish what you start. Change is required, but it must be within reason. Don't let anyone push you too heavily. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Discuss your plans and enlist the help of people you have worked with in the past. Setting your sights on something that will help you gain recognition will also teach you how to work as a team player. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Emotions will flare up if someone misleads you. Get your facts from a reliable source before you take action. Look for alternative ways to make your life better. Personal development will boost your awareness and your confidence. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): You'll be attracted to people and projects that are unique or offer something different than you have ever experienced in the past. Delve in, and you will make new acquaintances who will enrich your life. Romance will improve your personal life. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Sidestep anyone who tries to stand in your way. Get involved in activities that will allow you to improve your physical fitness. Your discipline will help you disarm any competition you face. Keep your money in a safe place. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Think big and shoot for the stars. The ideas you have are best shared with like-minded people. Don't let anyone rain on your parade. Walk away if someone is negative or looking for an argument. You'll gain by following through with your plans. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Don't give in to emotional manipulation. Look for positive changes and things you can do to improve your skills and prospects. Don't rely on someone who doesn't have your best interests at heart. Believe in yourself. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): You'll come up with a moneymaking idea that will set your mind racing. Someone who is interested in achieving similar goals will want to collaborate. Love is highlighted, and romance will enhance your life. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Stick to what you know you can do. Don't let anyone lead you astray or tempt you into being indulgent. Moderation will be necessary, along with truthfulness and a realistic attitude. Fitness and self-help will improve your life and ease your stress. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Make big plans that will enhance your life. Negotiate on your own behalf. Home improvements, family gatherings or spending more time with someone you love will lift your spirits and add to your happiness. A personal investment will pay off. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Be careful how you handle friends, relatives and neighbors. You will end up in a messy situation if you aren't willing to compromise. Be careful that what you do doesn't lead to emotional distress. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Get involved, speak up and ask questions. Your interest and concern will put you in a good position that allows you to handle any potential setbacks you might encounter. Deal with interference quickly so you can focus on what's important. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are thoughtful, realistic and dependable. You are outgoing and practical.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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7		8		3		9		5
1		5				6		2

Difficulty Level ★ 5/09

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Friday's SUDOKU Answer

3	6	5	7	9	2	4	1	8
1	2	7	5	4	8	6	9	3
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6	9	1	8	2	3	7	4	5
8	3	2	4	5	7	1	6	9
7	5	4	6	1	9	8	3	2

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/08

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Bath Time, Blanket, Bottle, Bounce, Burp, Calming, Chest, Colic, Crib, Feeding, Frenzy, Massage, Motion, Music, Neck, Needs, Pacifier, Parents, Rattle, Sick, Sing, Skin to Skin, Sleep, Sling, Snuggle, Soothe, Stroller, Sucking, Swaddle, Sway, Swing, Tears, Teddy Bear, Temperature, Uncomfortable, Undress, Vacuum, Vibration, Voice, Warmth, Waves

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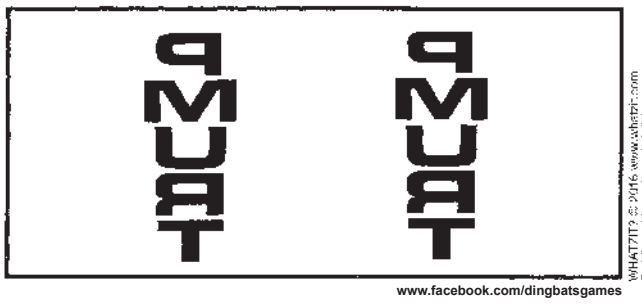

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Petition for the Change of Name of	)	FCD CN CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0125
Sammy Lee L. Limes	)	**NOTICE OF HEARING**
Petitioner	)	

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on May 19, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A before Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2016.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court

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JVA for YANO Enterprises, Inc.
Dba: Kinpachi Restaurant

Yano Enterprises, Inc.:

Restaurant Waitress (3): (Full time) Greeting Customers. Must be able to speak basic Japanese & efficient English & have a friendly & outgoing personality. Should be knowledgeable of the restaurant dishes, familiar with the entire menu the establishment offers. Can introduce & recommend daily specials as well as the restaurant's regular menu items. Continued services after the meal have been served and accept payments & other duties related.

Cook (3): Must be experienced & skilled in preparing Japanese cuisine including but not limited to sushi, sashimi, & tempura. Can prepare all menu items according to quantity menus, must know cutting and preparation techniques for each type of fish used in sushi rolls as well as how to prepare rice, sauces and seasonal ingredients, must ensure that ingredients are fresh, colorful and always in stock, that the all-important knives are sharp and clean, and that all equipment is in working order. Must be able to maintain kitchen & observe safety & sanitary food handling practices as well as other related duties.

Additional Requirements: All applicants must be of good health and have a good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must be able to obtain required food handler health certificate, must be able to provide current police clearance, with reliable transportation and must agree to drug test. Can work in flexible hours including weekends and night time.

Applicants of positions listed above Restaurant Waitress (3 months work experience) are required and Cook must have a minimum of 2 - 4 year experience. Applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant in coral Tree Avenue, Garapan.
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Aircraft Maintenance Technician (5)
Requires: Graduate of Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering program with 2 years experience in airframe and power plant maintenance on both narrow and wide-body aircraft. Performs various repairs on aircraft airframe and power plants and other required services to ensure airworthiness. Must be skilled in use of specialized aircraft testing equipment and hold current U.S. FAA A&P License or an equivalent foreign license.

Interested applicants may send their applications to recruitment@poiaviation.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than May 23, 2016. Applications for employment are available at the Human Resources Department located at the POI Aviation Building on International Terminal LP, Saipan International Airport. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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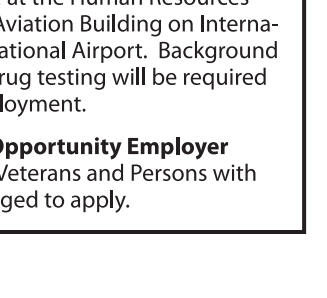

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- Review collection reports to determine the status of collections and the amounts of outstanding balances.
- Set credit policies, credit lines, procedures and standards in conjunction with senior managers.
- Oversee the flow of cash or financial instruments.
- Prepare financial or regulatory reports required by laws, regulations, or boardsof directors.
- Develop or analyze information to assess the current or future financial status of firms.
- Evaluate financial reporting systems, accounting or collection procedures, or investment activities and make recommendations for changes to procedures, operating systems, budgets, or other financial control functions.
- Establish procedures for custody or control of assets, records, loan collateral, or securities to ensure safekeeping.
- Plan, direct, and coordinate risk and insurance programs of establishments to control risks and losses.

Education/Experience:

- Bachelor's Degree in Finance, Business Administration or Accounting and 2 years' experience in Finance will be a plus. Salary will be discussed upon interview.

Interested candidates are requested to submit their resumes or pick up an employment application at
Champion Finance, 3rd floor, Marianas Business Plaza, Suite 316-B
or email championfinancecnmi@gmail.com

CTSI Logistics is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

Logistics Manager
Graduate of 4-year degree course and with at least 6 years management experience in the logistics business with emphasis on airfreight, ocean freight forwarding, warehousing and fuel hauling operations. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation, Environmental and Occupational Safety Hazards is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, Emergency Response, IICL (Container and Chassis), Petroleum Standard Operating Procedure and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

Accounting Manager
Graduate of 4-year degree course in accounting with at least 5 years experience in financial management: directing the preparation of financial reports; implementing cash management; and directing investment activities for a logistics supply chain business operations. Must have excellent written communication and analysis skills for financial data reporting. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software, freight forwarding, shipping and logistics software are a must. Expertise with MS Excel, Word and Power Point is required. Must be able to work under time pressure and can work flexible hours.

Sales & Marketing Manager
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Sales or Marketing or any Business course and at least 3 years of managerial work experience are required as well as an extensive knowledge and experience in supply chain and freight brokerage. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Can work flexible hours. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Proficiency in freight forwarding, shipping and household goods operations are a must. Must be familiar with freight forwarding software.

Accountant
Must be a college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting with at least 3 years work experience in financial management for a logistics/supply chain business or agency operations. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system, freight forwarding, shipping and logistics systems. Must have expertise with MS Excel, Word and Power Point. Must be able to work under time pressure and can work flexible hours.

Storage and Distribution Supervisor
Associate's Degree with at least 3 years of distribution and warehousing supervisory experience. Knowledge of household goods handling and airfreight and oceanfreight operations is required. Proficiency in Warehouse management system software is required. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, IICL (Container and Chassis) and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

Shipping Supervisor
Associate's Degree and at least 3 years of shipping, receiving and warehousing supervisory experience is required. Proficiency in shipping operations, shipping documentation & cargo management system software is required. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation, 49 CFR & IMDG Code is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, IICL (Container and Chassis) and Vehicle Safety Guidelines. Knowledge of bill of ladings, scheduling and planning inbound and outbound shipments is a must.

Transportation Supervisor
Associate's Degree and at least 3 years of logistics and trucking operations supervisory experience is required. Must be knowledgeable in transportation and safety regulations and proficient in various logistic software. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation, Emergency Response, IICL (Container and Chassis), Petroleum Standard Operating Procedure and Vehicle Safety Guidelines.

Freight Forwarding Supervisor
Associate's Degree with at least 3 years experience in freight forwarding operations and 1-year experience in transportation security and communication related activities. Knowledge of TSA security regulations and proficiency in TSA Known Shipper Management System are a must. Knowledge of Federal Regulations in Transportation is required. Must have obtained certifications/training in Hazmat, Occupational Safety and Hazardous Waste Operation and IATA related trainings. Proficiency in airfreight documentation, freight forwarding software, FEDEX systems and operations are a must. Must be familiar with airline operations and regulations.

Cargo and Freight Agent (5)
Associate's Degree with a minimum of 2 years experience in a logistics, freight brokerage or warehouse services business. Must know how to operate a forklift with certification. Must be able to do strenuous work with some lifting and carrying of small items on the job. Licensed to drive 4x6 wheel closed vans and must have obtained training or certification in handling hazardous materials, Occupational Safety, Hazardous Waste Operation and IAC CCSF authorized screener. Must be proficient in MS Office and Oracle-based programs and available to work on evenings and weekend hours.

Specialized Truck Driver (7)
High School graduate with at least 2 years experience operating trucks or vans with a capacity of at least 10,001 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) or 10 to 16-wheeled vehicles. Must have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL). Must have at least 3 years experience in hauling petroleum products with the corresponding SMITHS & STOPS training certification, carrying hazardous materials or oversized loads plus certificates or training in handling hazardous materials and cargoes is a must. Must be able to follow strict safety and operations procedures.

Heavy Equipment Truck Driver (3)
High School graduate with at least 2 years experience operating trucks or vans with a capacity of at least 10,001 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) or 10 to 16-wheeled vehicles. Must have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL). Experience in carrying hazardous materials or oversized loads plus certificates or training in handling hazardous materials and cargoes is a must. Must be able to follow strict safety and operations procedures.

Shipping and Receiving Clerk (4)
Associate's Degree and at least 2 years work related experience. Must be proficient in MS Office programs as well as other planning and logistics software. Knowledge of supply chain, shipping operations and procedures, document preparation and recordkeeping is required. Should possess good interpersonal and verbal communication skills.

Accounting Clerk
High School graduate, GED, Associates degree or equivalent with at least 2-3 years bookkeeping or clerical accounting work experience in freight forwarding operation, sales or service related work. Associate Degree in Accounting, Auditing, Business Management or Finance an advantage. Must be proficient with Microsoft Office applications such as Word Processor and Spreadsheet; and proficient with Accounting software such as SAP-R3 FICO (Financial and Controlling) system, ERP system, and HR2 system).

Truck Mechanic
Vocational or High School Graduate. Must be able to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul trucks, or maintain and repair any type of engines. Minimum of two (2) year work experience is required on these areas: lubrication, repairs and servicing, use of machine tools, welding and flame cutting, engine elements, gears, brakes, transmission, exhausts, etc. Proficiency in critical devices for fuel tank trucks is a must.

Automotive Body Repairer
Formal Auto Body Training in a Vocational School is required as well as a minimum of one-year experience in repairing and refinishing automotive vehicle bodies' vehicle frames. Proficiency in automotive body painting is required.

Janitor
Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Must be available to work early mornings, late nights and weekends.

A pre-employment drug testing will be required. Salaries will be commensurate with qualification and experience. For applications to be considered, they should submit resume / application to CTSI Logistics, Lower Base not later than May 16, 2016.

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Lillard has 40, Blazers cut Warriors' lead to 2-1

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The Trail Blazers learned their lesson.

After Portland let the previous game slip away, Damian Lillard had a playoff-best 40 points and the Trail Blazers beat Golden State 120-108 on Saturday night to cut the Warriors' advantage in the Western Conference semifinal to 2-1.

"I think we played a lot smarter down the stretch than we did the last game, and we challenged them," Lillard said. "Last game, I think, we played good and then we let up a little bit, and they turned it on—ike championship teams do. ... Tonight we didn't allow that to happen, we kept doing what was working for us."

The defending NBA champions were still without Steph Curry, the reigning MVP who sprained his right knee in Game 4 of the first-round series against Houston.

Al-Farouq Aminu had 23 points and 10 rebounds, and CJ McCollum added 22 points for Portland. The Trail Blazers led 58-46 at the half and stretched the lead to as many as 20 points in the fourth quarter.

Draymond Green had 37 points and Klay Thompson added 35 for the Warriors.

Game 4 is Monday night in Portland.

"Now they're feeling like they can do it," Green said about the Blazers. "We know otherwise. You can expect Game 4 to be a battle."

Harrison Barnes' 3-pointer and Leandro Barbosa's long jumper closed the gap to 105-92 for the Warriors with 6 minutes left. Lillard's 3-pointer with 2:47 made it 114-97, but Green answered with his own 3.

McCollum's 3-pointer pushed Portland's lead to 120-106 with 1:22 left and the Warriors couldn't catch up.

Avoiding a fourth quarter letdown was key for Portland. The Blazers led 87-76 going into the fourth quarter of Game 2, but were outscored 34-12 in the final period for a 110-99 Golden State win. Portland managed just six points in the final 5:21.

Lillard battled a chest cold in the first game of the series then was held scoreless in the final quarter of the second.

But Lillard tends to respond to adversity: After he was snubbed for an All-Star bid this season he scored 51 points, including nine 3-pointers, in a 137-105 victory over the Warriors on Feb. 19. It was one of just nine losses for the Warriors in a record-setting 73-win season.

AP
Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard, center, shoots over Golden State Warriors center Andrew Bogut, left, and forward Draymond Green, right, during the first half of Game 3 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series Saturday, May 7, 2016, in Portland, Ore.

'You kind of run out of superlatives," coach Terry Stotts said about Lillard. "He's such a great competitor. There was no question he was going to come in and have a really good game tonight."

The Blazers came back from a 2-0 deficit in the opening round against the Los Angeles Clippers, who were hurt when both Chris Paul and Blake Griffin went down with injuries.

Thompson, who averaged 32 points in the first two games, had three 3-pointers as Golden State built an early 16-9 lead despite four turnovers. Another 3 pushed the lead to 22-16 and Thompson led all scorers after the first quarter with 18 points. He also had 18 points in the first quarter of Game 1 against the Blazers.

Aminu and Lillard each made 3-pointers in the final minute and Portland went up 58-46 at the break. Lillard finished off the half with 25 and Thompson had 24 for Golden State.

The Blazers stretched the lead to 63-48 early in the second half, and Golden State's Andrew Bogut got into foul trouble with five. Green hit consecutive 3-pointers to close the gap to 63-56. It was the closest the Warriors got in the second half.

Lillard finished with eight 3-pointers, also a playoff high for him.

"I didn't think it was on me or anything," Lillard said. "But I did think it was my job to come out and be aggressive from the start. A lot of times the team will go as I go. That goes for more than just scoring the ball. That means how focused I am, how accountable I'm holding myself. Tonight I just wanted to come out and be aggressive.

"You don't want to be down 0-3. Period."

Raptors 95, Heat 91

In Miami, Kyle Lowry got his game back at the perfect time for the Toronto Raptors.

And the Miami Heat are in all kinds of trouble.

Shaking off epic playoff struggles, Lowry scored 33 points—including five straight to break a late tie—in a duel with Dwyane Wade to lift the Raptors to a victory over the Heat on Saturday night in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference semifinal series.

The Raptors lead the series 2-1. Game 4 is in Miami on Monday night.

"I felt like it was just a matter of time," Lowry said.

He was a career 34 percent playoff shooter coming into Saturday, and was shooting 31 percent in these playoffs. But he connected on 11 of 19 shots, 5 of 8 from 3-point range.

"I've never lost faith in him," Toronto coach Dwane Casey said. "I've said this: He's struggled, but you don't forget how to shoot. And we needed that. We needed him to be Kyle and he was Kyle tonight."

Lowry had 29 points after halftime. So did Wade, who led everybody with 38 points and sparked a Miami comeback from 13 down in the second half.

But the Heat lost a game, and maybe much more given that center Hassan Whiteside will have an MRI on Sunday to determine how much damage he did to his right knee in a second-quarter tumble.

"We'll know more tomorrow," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

Toronto center Jonas Valanciunas limped off with a sprained ankle in the third quarter, and he'll be listed as day-to-day. But Whiteside's injury seems far worse, with the free-agent-to-be's status for the rest of the series in major doubt.

"Guys have to step up," Wade said. "Nobody can be Hassan Whiteside. ... We have to figure out a way."

DeMar DeRozan scored 19 points, and Valanciunas had 16 points and 12 rebounds in just 22 minutes for Toronto. Goran Dragic scored 12 points, and Joe Johnson had 10 for Miami.

It was tied at 82 when Lowry hit a 3-pointer with 2:07 left, and he followed that with a pair of free throws on the next Toronto possession. Miami answered with four straight, a layup by center Udonis Haslem followed by a nifty Eurostep in the lane by Wade that led to another score.

The Raptors went back to Lowry, and his pullup from the right wing with 31.7 seconds left was pure—giving Toronto an 89-86 lead. Wade got a layup to get Miami within one, but Toronto restored the three-point edge when DeRozan made two foul shots with 23.9 left.

Johnson missed an open 3 on the next Miami possession, the Raptors went back to the line and the Heat crowd started filing to the exits.

"Kyle hit some daggers," Wade said.

Cavs looks unstoppable, eye another playoff sweep

ATLANTA (AP)—This is what LeBron James envisioned when he returned to the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Everyone healthy.

Players all around capable of sharing the load.

A team that looks very much like a potential NBA champion, even though the 73-win Golden State Warriors could be lurking at the end.

"I've always believed we were destined for something great," James said.

The Cavaliers will look to wrap up their second sweep of these playoffs when they take on the Atlanta Hawks in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference semifinals, one of two games on tap for Sunday.

In the West, the San Antonio Spurs are up 2-1 and can build a commanding lead over the Thunder after reclaiming the home-court edge with a victory Friday night in Oklahoma City.

That still looks like a competitive series, the last two games decided by a total of five points.

The Hawks, on the other hand, have been no match for the Cavaliers. Even with their best performance of the series in Game 3, they were incapable of standing up to a team that beat them inside and out, complementing the Big Three of James, Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love with a 27-point effort from Channing Frye.

Coming off a record 25 3-pointers in Game 2, Cleveland was nearly as good from the outside with a 21-of-39 showing beyond the arc, led by Frye knocking down 7 of 9. If that wasn't bad enough for Atlanta, the Cavaliers finished with a commanding 55-28 edge on the boards, as James, Love and Tristan Thompson also reached double-figure rebounds.

It added up to a 121-108 victory that pushed the Hawks to the brink of elimination.

"They just took it to another level," Atlanta center Al Horford said. "If they keep shooting it like that, they're going to be unstoppable."

That's what James had in mind all along.

A year ago, the Cavs nearly pulled off their first title even though Love missed most of the playoffs with a shoulder injury and Irving went down in Game 1 of the NBA Finals with a fractured kneecap.

Now, with Irving fully recovered and Love looking more comfortable in his role, the Cavaliers breezed past Detroit in four straight games and are on the verge of sweeping the Hawks out of the playoffs for the second year in a row.

Frye's emergence means the Hawks can't just worry about the Big Three. In the final period of Game 3, the 6-foot-11 forward was on the court with the 6-foot-10 Love for nearly the entire quarter, setting up all sorts of matchup issues for the Hawks. The Cavaliers closed on a 22-5 run.

Rookie coach Tyronn Lue, who took over at midseason after the firing of David Blatt, has pushed all the right buttons in the playoffs. If all goes according to plan in Game 4, the Cavaliers will wrap up another series as quickly as possible and give themselves plenty of extra rest before the conference final.

That could prove more beneficial if the Cavs return to the NBA Finals.

Colon hits historic homer in Mets win over Padres

AP
New York Mets' Bartolo Colon, right, is greeted by teammate Kevin Plawecki (26) after hitting a two-run home run during the second inning of a baseball game against the San Diego Padres Saturday, May 7, 2016, in San Diego.

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Bartolo Colon turned on an inside fastball from James Shields, launching a home run that was as improbable as it was historic.

Colon became the oldest player to hit his first major league home run, connecting Saturday night less than three weeks before his 43rd birthday, to help the New York Mets to a 6-3 victory over the San Diego Padres.

As the Mets' dugout went wild, Colon watched the ball all the way to its landing spot in the seats in the left-field corner. He didn't toss his bat until he was well more than halfway to first base. The portly pitcher's trot around the bases after hitting the impressive two-run shot took about 30 seconds.

When he returned to the dugout, his teammates were hiding in the tunnel before coming out to mob him.

"I don't even know how to explain it," Colon said. "I'm very thankful. I thank God for this amazing moment, and I wasn't expecting it. Once I hit it I knew it was gone. The ball in San Diego travels well.

"Anytime I see a fastball I swing hard because I'm not a curveball hitter," he added.

"I don't really know what to say about that," Padres manager Andy Green said. "Certain things leave you speechless.

"I don't know what the odds were of the Kentucky Derby for the trifecta today," added Green, a Kentucky native, ``but I figure the swing was probably a lot longer odds than that. It's one of those things that you just don't expect to see. Good swing."

Shields said only that it was a fastball in.

Asked if he were surprised with Colon's swing, Shields said, "Next question, man."

Colon's teammates were amazed.

"You just shake your head," David Wright said. "You watch him take BP and he's got very good hand-eye coordination and you see him hit some home runs in BP and you think to yourself, `What would happen if he ever did it in a game?' And to do it here with as many Mets fans as here, the 7 Line out there, I mean the place just went nuts, and it's one of those things where you come to the ballpark never knowing what you're going to see, and you saw it."

Cubs 8, Nationals 5

In Chicago, Addison Russell hit a tiebreaking two-run double in the seventh inning, and the Chicago Cubs beat the Washington Nationals on Saturday for their sixth straight victory.

Kris Bryant homered and Ben Zobrist had an RBI for the sixth game in a row as the Cubs took the matchup of division leaders.

Yankees 8, Red Sox 2

In New York, Nathan Eovaldi pitched eight effective innings, Didi Gregorius hit a three-run double and the Yankees handed David Price his first loss with the Red Sox.

Carlos Beltran added a two-run double for the last-place Yankees, who have won three of four following a six-game slide.

Dodgers 6, Blue Jays 2

In Toronto, Clayton Kershaw struck out 10, Joc Pederson and Justin Turner homered, and the Dodgers stopped the Blue Jays' season-high winning streak at four.

Coming off a three-hit shutout against the Padres and facing the Blue Jays for the first time, Kershaw (4-1) allowed two runs and eight hits in seven innings.

Brewers 13, Reds 7, 10 innings

In Cincinnati, Aaron Hill hit a grand slam in Milwaukee's seven-run 10th inning for his third homer of the game, and the Brewers snapped a three-game losing streak with a win over the Reds.

Hill belted a two-run shot in the sixth and a tying solo shot in the eighth, helping Milwaukee erase a 6-2 deficit.

Cardinals 6, Pirates 4

In St. Louis, Matt Carpenter hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the ninth inning, lifting St. Louis to the victory.

Aledmys Diaz sparked the winning rally with a leadoff single. After Jeremy Hazelbaker flied to deep left, Carpenter drove a 1-2 pitch from A.J. Schugel (0-1) over the wall in right for his fourth homer.

Rangers 10, Tigers 5

In Detroit, Adrian Beltre hit two of Texas' five home runs, and the Rangers slugged their way to the road win.

Rougned Odor, Nomar Mazara and Mitch Moreland also went deep for the Rangers, who scored five runs in the sixth inning and overcame an injury-shortened start by A.J. Griffin.

Giants 2, Rockies 1, 13 innings

In Sa Francisco, Matt Duffy hit a game-ending RBI double with two out in the 13th inning, sending the Giants to the win.

Pinch hitter Conor Gillaspie set up the winning hit with a one-out walk against Justin Miller (1-1).

Royals 7, Indians 0

In Cleveland, Ian Kennedy pitched four-hit ball for seven innings, Kendrys Morales homered and drove in four runs, and the Royals stopped the Indians' four-game winning streak.

Kennedy (4-2) worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the sixth and retired 14 in a row at one point.

Athletics 8, Orioles 4, Orioles 5, Athletics 2,

In Baltimore, Chris Davis homered, Ubaldo Jimenez pitched eight effective innings and the Orioles beat the Athletics for a doubleheader split.

Marcus Semien homered and drove in three runs in the opener, and the Athletics broke a four-game skid with an 8-4 victory.

White Sox 7, Twins 2

In Chicago, Todd Frazier doubled and homered in support of Chris Sale, who survived a rocky start to become the first seven-game winner in the majors, as the White Sox rallied for a victory over the Twins.

After a two-run, 36-pitch first inning, Sale (7-0) settled down to retire 19 of the next 20 batters.

Mariners 3, Astros 2, 10 innings

In Seattle, Robinson Cano homered early off Dallas Keuchel, then connected for a tiebreaking shot in the 10th inning that led the Mariners over the Astros.

Cano got four hits. He leads the majors with 32 RBI and tops the AL with 11 home runs.

Rays 4, Angels 2

In Los Angeles, Logan Forsythe hit a broken-bat two-run single with the bases loaded in the ninth inning after Steven Souza Jr. hit a tying two-run homer off Jered Weaver in the sixth, and the Rays beat the Angels.

Erasmo Ramirez (6-1) pitched two scoreless innings for the victory.

Diamondbacks 4, Braves 2

In Atlanta, Shelby Miller's return to Atlanta brought a return to his winning form as he threw six strong innings for his first victory and the Diamondbacks beat the Braves.

Miller (1-3) allowed two runs on four hits and one walk. He was traded from the Braves to Arizona on Dec. 8.

Phillies 4, Marlins 3

In Miami, Odubel Herrera scored the go-ahead run on first baseman Chris Johnson's error in Philadelphia's three-run eighth inning, sending the Phillies to a win over the Marlins.

Brett Oberholtzer (2-0) pitched a scoreless inning for the win. Jeanmar Gomez tossed a perfect ninth for his 10th save in 11 chances.

Fowler leads; McIlroy 8-stroke behind at Wells Fargo

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—Rickie Fowler is looking to jumpstart his season at a course where he first won on the PGA Tour.

Fowler shot a 4-under 68 on Saturday to take the third-round lead at the Wells Fargo Championship.

Fowler, who broke through at Quail Hollow Club in 2012 for his first tour title, had a one-stroke lead over Roberto Castro, with Justin Rose and James Hahn two strokes back.

Fowler won The Players Championship and Deutsche Bank Championship last year and took the European Tour event in Abu Dhabi early this year. Though he blew a late lead and lost the Phoenix Open in a playoff this season, he has the confidence to handle pressure situations in the final round. That's something he admitted he didn't have five years ago.

"It's completely different," Fowler said. "I would say before (it was) maybe not the complete belief or knowledge of knowing what to do and how to win to get the job done. But now it's fun to go out there and go take care of business."

Fowler parred the first seven holes Saturday before heating up with three straight birdies on Nos. 8-10. It appeared things were starting to crumble after bogeys on 10 and 12, but Fowler came back strong with three straight birdies starting on No. 14 to pull into a tie for the lead.

He had a little luck along the way.

Fowler avoided potential trouble on the 18th hole when his ball held up in the high grass instead of rolling into the creek along left side of the fairway. Playing with the ball well above his feet, Fowler ripped an iron onto the green and saved par.

Phil Mickelson and defending champion Rory McIlroy struggled, dropping eight shots behind Fowler.

Mickelson, looking for his first win at the Quail Hollow Club in 13 starts, was in contention until a quadruple-bogey 8 on his old nemesis, the 18th hole. He finished with a 76.

He found the creek on his approach shot and, after taking a drop, needed three chips before finding the green and two-putting for an 8.

Mickelson's struggles on the final hole at Quail Hollow have been well documented. In the 51 career rounds, he is 21 over on No. 18 - a hole he said earlier this week simply doesn't set up well for the left-hander.

McIlroy, the tournament's only two-time winner, had two bogeys in the first four holes and shot 73.

Dempsey, Morris score as Sounders top Earthquakes

SEATTLE (AP)—Through the first eight games of the season, neither Clint Dempsey nor Jordan Morris had a goal in the same game for the Seattle Sounders.

On Saturday night, the World Cup veteran and the star rookie both found the back of the net.

Dempsey rocketed in a shot from straight in front of the goal in the 26th minute, and Morris scored for the fourth straight contest, and the Sounders beat the San Jose Earthquakes 2-0.

Dempsey's goal, from just beyond the top of the penalty spot, was his second of the season.

Morris scored from the top of the penalty area restraining arc in the 89th minute. That tied the MLS record for consecutive games with a goal for a rookie. Damani Ralph did it for the Chicago Fire in 2003, and Patrick Mullins matched it for the New England Revolution in 2014.

"It's always nice to get a goal, but all that matters is the three points," said Morris, who picked up an assist on Dempsey's goal. "Clint had a great game and a really good finish. We're on a good streak, and we just have to keep it going."

Added coach Sigi Schmid, "Jordan did a good job with Clint in terms of dropping and going, so they were hard to pick up."

Whitecaps 2, Timbers 1

In Vancouver, Christian Bolanos scored his third goal in three games and the Vancouver Whitecaps rallied to beat the Portland Timbers on Saturday.

Bolanos broke a tie in the 66th minute on a chip into the penalty area that goalkeeper Jake Gleeson allowed to trickle between his legs.

Masato Kudo tied it for Vancouver in the 60th minute with his first MLS goal. Kudo took a deflected pass from Cristian Techera and beat Gleeson at the near post on a low shot.

The Whitecaps (4-5-2) won for the second time in their last seven games.

Nate Borchers scored for Portland (3-4-3) in the 34th minute.

The Timbers had a great chance to tie in the 86th on a 3-on-1 break, but goalkeeper David Ousted stopped Diego Valeri's partially deflected shot.

Rapids 1, Real Salt Lake 0

In Colorado, Jermaine Jones scored in the 47th minute and Colorado beat Real Salt Lake in the Rocky Mountain Cup.

Colorado (6-2-2) moved atop the Western Conference standings and extended its unbeaten streak to five games. The Rapids' last loss came in a 1-0 defeat at Real Salt Lake on April 9.

Kevin Doyle drew three defenders in the box and found Jones trailing the play. Jones used the outside of his foot to squeeze a shot inside the far post.

Jones has three goals and two assists in four games with Colorado after being traded from the New England Revolution during the offseason.

Toronto FC 1, FC Dallas 0

In Toronto, rookie Tsubasa Endoh scored his first MLS goal in Toronto FC's victory over FC Dallas in the Canadian team's home opener.

Sebastian Giovinco set up the 28th-minute goal for Toronto (4-3-2) in front of a sellout crowd of 30,025 at renovated BMO Field. Clint Irwin had is fourth shutout of the season. Giovinco has had a hand in all 10 Toronto goals this season, scoring six and assisting on the other four.

Toyota Yaris at stake in Governor's Tourism Cup

Atkins Kroll, Bridge Capital, and Pacific Islands Club Saipan, are the latest sponsors of the Inaugural Governor's Tourism Cup Golf Tournament slated for May 14 on the east course of the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Atkins Kroll has donated a 2016 Toyota Yaris as a hole-in-one prize at the event, while Bridge Capital and PIC Saipan have donated $3,000 and $2,000, respectively, toward the fundraising event benefiting the Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC).

"The private sector understands the importance of our tourism industry, and this tournament is just one way to ensure that future generations learn and understand as well," said tournament Director James Nelson. "It is vital that businesses, both large and small, support MTEC in its mission of developing tourism related programs for our children."

The tournament is hosted by the Office of the Governor and the Marianas Visitor Authority (MVA), which was a founding member of MTEC in 2002.

"Thank you to Doug Brennan and Atkins Kroll Saipan for joining as sponsors of the Governor's Tourism Cup. We're also grateful to Bridge Capital's Jody Jordahl, and my boss Hiro Sugie of the Pacific Islands Club Saipan. Tourism is indeed all our business and we're extremely grateful for the support we're receiving from the business community," said MTEC chair Vicky Benavente.

Other hole-in-one prizes include $5,000 sponsored by Pacifica Insurance. The Hyatt Regency Resort & Spa, PIC, and Kanoa Resort have donated several hotel night stays and meals, while Delta Air Lines donated a roundtrip ticket to Japan. More prizes are expected as the tournament nears.

Food and beverage sponsors include the Pacific Trading Co., Herman's Modern Bakery and MARPAC. The tournament will feature a morning snack, BBQ hotdog stands on the course and free flowing beverages throughout the tournament.

The tournament entry fee is $100 and includes cart and green fees, morning snacks, free flowing on-course refreshments and awards banquet. Tee-time will be at 7am.

Entry forms are available under the MVA Events Calendar at www.mymarianas.com or at the MVA office on Beach Rd. in San Jose, where forms may be submitted and payments may be made. Checks should be made payable to MTEC. Credit card payments will not be accepted. The deadline for submission of entries is at 5pm on May 11.

For more information, contact James Nelson at 670-483-4215 or jen6753@gmail.com, or contact MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas at 670-664-3200/01 or mduenas@mymarianas.com. ***(PR)***

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A 2016 Toyota Yaris from Atkins Kroll will be among the hole-in-one prizes for the Inaugural Governor's Tourism Cup Golf Tournament that will be held this Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

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Bridge Capital vice president and chief operating officer Jody Jordahl, center, turns over the company's $3,000 donation for the Inaugural Governor's Tourism Cup Golf Tournament.

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and individuals on and off the court. The CNMI and Vanuatu players are the fourth and fifth netters from the Pacific to receive athletic scholarships from Henderson. Fiji's Daneric Hazelman and Annie Shannon and the Solomon Island's Amanda Korinihona were the first three.

"This program is developed from the Pacific to NMMI and to Henderson," O'Connell was quoted as saying in a story about his wards move to Henderson.

At Henderson, which competes in the tough Great American Conference, Minor will be taking up nursing and she and Banimataku will also join the Reddies' cross country team.

"I am thrilled to have these two players join our program next season," Henderson women's tennis coach Brenda Joiner was quoted as saying in a separate story posted at Henderson's official athletics website. They will fit right into what we are trying to accomplish here at HSU and I can't wait to get them in a Reddie uniform."

Meanwhile, Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association official Jeff Race, who coached Minor in regional tournaments, said the latest development on Minor's collegiate career will inspire the young players on island.

"It (playing in college and getting a scholarship) is a realistic goal that our players here should aspire for. Every day when I train our players, I talk to them about this opportunity, so every time this good news comes, this inspire them to work harder on their game, knowing that one day, they could follow the footsteps of Thea and others, too," Race said.

"Being able to play in college is such a great accomplishment, especially if you come from a small island like ours. Congratulations to Thea," added Race, who himself played in NCAA for Chapman University.

SALVI

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lift of 201kg behind an 86kg snatch, and 115kg clean and jerk.

Despite his success in weight lifting, Villanueva said he will stick to CrossFit.

"I tried doing weightlifting but my body didn't like it. I felt like I was losing strength and burning out. Doing CrossFit actually made me a lot stronger and explosive."

Diet also helped not only with his training but with his daily activities, too, at work and school. "My diet had to be clean so that I could optimally train and stay energized throughout the day for school, work, and all the extracurricular stuff that I was doing."

He thanked his family—father Donald, mother Malou, and brother Andrew—and friends who supported him, be it with his studies or his athletic career. "I'm very thankful that I have a supportive family and a group who were able to keep me in it all the way."

"Thank you to my family who have always believed in me and put up with my early morning and late night training for the past couple of months; my girlfriend Akeiko Dela Cruz, who never doubted my abilities; and training partners Joey Tudela, Bobby Cruz, and Morris Villanueva."

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In the U15 division, Hopwood also had a sweep with its boys team breaking the one-minute barrier after timing in at 56.70 seconds and its girls crew logging 1:06.08. K-Son Peter, Kirt Andon, Jerry Yugummang, and Tarrence Babauta joined forces in leading the Hilitais to another first place finish against Tinian Junior High School and Agape. Tinian's Joshua and Jeremiah Hofschneider, John Dona, and Tyler Santos recorded 58.91 seconds) for the silver medal. Agape, which was represented by Guintu, Steven Li, Wang Kai Ping, and David Cai, had a faster time (58.50 seconds), but settled for the bronze after one of its runners committed an interference violation.

In the girls U15, Hopwood's Kiki Mereh, Anverose Naanep, Rushelle Valino, and Toremy Diaz rounded out the course more than three minutes ahead of Dandan Middle School's Britney Espinosa, Richelle Arriola, Mikayla Borja, and Jaime Pangelinan, who combined for 1:09.37. Agape's Enyi Wang, Michelle Li, Shiying Wang, and Xinxi You finished third with a time of 1:10.72.

In other results, Koblerville prevailed in the boys and girls U12 and boys U9 age groups of the 4x100m event, while Marianas High School and Tinian High School split the top honors in the U18 division.

Jedidiah Hong, M.J. David, Aiden Norita, and Darier Quitugua handed Koblerville the victory in the boys U11 age group as the quartet registered 1:09.67 in the 4x100m relay and defeated four other teams. William S. Reyes Elijah Lisya, Jon Rat Shahadat, Marcus Pelisamen, and John Mark Anastacio came in at second (1:10:46), while Brilliant Star School's Casey Chambers, Conall Hartig, Tristan Cano, and Moshe Sikkel placed third after submitting 1:17.41. Agape and Kagman Elementary School were the other participants in the relay and clocked in at 1:18.40 and 1:19.17, respectively.

In the girls U18, Bernadette Horey, Chloe Salvosa, Gabrielle Race, and Zari Nae Sapong ran away with the first place honors after recording 1:02.23, more than five seconds faster than the 1:07.33 of Tinian's Renuka Shrestha, Charlene Danganan, Chelsea Ayuyu, and Kaye Lagunay. Agape's Kitty Yu, Coookie Xu, Reanna Huang, and Rebecca Xu were ranked third after checking in at 1:08.95.

Tinian foiled an MHS sweep when the former's Mike Cabulay, Ace Pangelinan, Jayron Epity, and Zach Hofschneider combined for 54.02 seconds and finished ahead of the Dolphins' Terrence Belcher, Jerald Castillo, and Leowell Cristobal, who posted 55.28 seconds. Agape also finished third in the boys division with Teemo Wang, Enfeng Wang, David Cai, and Samuel Hu timing in at 55.50 seconds.

Frank M. Diaz Memorial Youth League U15 Division

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Wong's Sean Apasan towers above two 670 Sonics players and his teammate as he goes up for a putback during their U15 division game in the Inaugural Frank M. Diaz Memorial Youth League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

A 670 Sonics player goes up for a shot against two Wong defenders.

670 Sonics' Kristian Itaas dishes off to his teammate as he faces multiple Wong defenders.

670 Sonics' Frederick Dionisio, right, challenges the defense of Wong's Sean Apasan.

A 670 Sonics player tries to dribble away from his defender.

A Tanapag Warrior player, right, is fouled by a Kanaka defender.

A Wong player, center, loses possession as he drives to the baseline against two Kanaka defenders.

The Ol'Aces' Timmy Pangelinan unloads an easy layup against a much smaller defender from Kanaka.

The Ol'Aces' Carlos Edrico escapes his defenders for a layup.

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A young runner heads out to the course after getting the baton from his teammate during the 4x400m relay race in last Saturday's 2016 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

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Hopwood Junior High School reigned supreme in the 4x100m relay races, while Koblerville recorded three wins in the same event in the 2016 PSS/McDonald's All Schools Track and Field Championships last week at the Hopwood field.

In the boys U13 age group, Hopwood's Ian Maniago, Mark Esalan, Jhoey Noble, and Trey Aiken completed the one-loop course in 1:02.32 to beat the 1:06.51 of Dandan Middle School's Mingkao Taimanao, Latrel Deleon Guerrero, Austyn McKinnon, and Jonathan Wolf. Agape Christian School's Mac Guintu, Jodel Du, Bobby Bao, and Jason Huang rounded out the Top 3 after clocking in at 1:06.95.

The quartet of Jerlyn Castillo, Aiko and Nichiko Rasing and Therize Millare gave Hopwood a sweep in the U13 division as they timed in at 1:05.58 or about five seconds ahead of Agape. Elizabeth Xu, Shiying Wang, Xinyi You, and Saiya Wu ran for Agape and submitted a second-best 1:10.45 to edge San Antonio Middle School (1:10.89) for the silver medal. Alasha Pangelinan, Maymay Hong, Elaine Fernandez, and Kassandra Camacho were the runners for San Antonio.

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Thea makes jump to NCAA official

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Former CNMI junior player Thea Minor has signed a letter of intent to play for Henderson State University in Division II of the National Collegiate Athletics Association.

Minor along with Vanuatu's Lorraine Banimataku, made their commitment to Henderson official last Tuesday (Wednesday on Saipan) in front of Dan O'Connell, head coach of New Mexico Military Institute's women's tennis team, which has been working with the Division II school in discovering players and training them for higher-level competition. NMMI athletic director Jose Barron was also present at the signing ceremony.

NMMI PHOTO
The CNMI's Thea Minor, seated left, poses for a photo with New Mexico Military Institute women's tennis team coach Dan O'Connell, standing left, athletic director Jose Barron, and teammate Lorraine Banimataku before signing a letter of intent to play for NCAA Division II's Henderson State University last week.

"We are excited. Lorraine and I signed up our next two years with Henderson State University with a full scholarship. Thank you to our friends and family who have given us so much support since the start," said Minor, who is now playing in the NJCCA Nationals in Texas for her farewell season with NMMI as she will be graduating in less than two weeks.

Minor also thanked NMMI and O'Connell for helping them become better players

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Salvi eyes CrossFit coaching in Portland

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Salvi Villanueva is all set to take on a more challenging role when he moves to Oregon after finishing his nursing assistant degree at the Northern Marianas College. He will graduate this month and is expected to leave for Portland in time for the opening of the semester.

"I'm set to graduate [this month], so it has been a little hectic juggling training and studying for the final weeks of my Nursing degree," said Villanueva.

Villanueva said he will work as a part time nursing aid while pursuing further studies at the Oregon Health and Science University in Portland to get his bachelor's in nursing degree and become a registered nurse.

CrossFit training and competing will still be included in his daily life in the Pacific Northwest. "I would focus would more in school and working as a nurse. But I would definitely look for a CrossFit box and do some coaching there too," said Villanueva.

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Salvi Villanueva will continue his studies in Oregon and at the same time work as a coach in a CrossFit gym in Portland.

Villanueva will leave Saipan for a while after giving the CNMI recognition in several sporting events in the region. He clinched the men's RX division in last month's 5th Marianas Trench Throwdown held at the Chamorri CrossFit Gym in Tamuning, Guam.

He placed second to Airman Alex Johnson in the same tournament last year and finished fourth in the men's 77-kilogram division of the 2015 Micronesia Weightlifting Invitational held in Guam.

Villanueva had three bronze medals in the CNMI weightlifting team's 12 medal-haul in the 2014 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei. He won bronzes in the men's 77kg division with a total

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